

**SKELMORLIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
SKELMORLIE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2024 at 7pm**

**Present:**

**Isy Agnew *Chairperson***

**Martin Kaarits**

**Janice Rodger *Treasurer***

**Billie Walker *Minute Secretary***

**Eleanor Bell *Councillor***

**Helen Boyle *Councillor***

**Sarah Crookston *N.A.C.***

**Councillor Ian Murdoch**

**Sgt. Donald Fisher *Strathclyde Police***

**Members of Public**

**6 members of the Public attended**

**Apologies:**

**Sarah Freer**

**Councillor Todd Ferguson**

**Minutes**

**As the meeting in January did not have a quorum there was no official CC meeting held, however an informal meeting took place and minutes from this were taken by Sarah Freer and will be in Library along with November minutes.**

**Minutes from previous meeting were read and adopted as correct**

**Proposed Eleanor Bell Seconded Janice Rodger**

## **Treasurers Report**

There was no report given as there is an ongoing discussion with NAC as to why no funding has been received since 2022. NAC are intimating that during audit trail no minutes or bank statements have been received by them and CC dispute this. Janice will go forward with this as any monies due to Community Council will not be backdated.

At this point a member of the public asked what the money given to CC has to be used for this was explained by Martin and it was also stated that external funding can also be applied for.

Minutes since October 2024 to present have been sent to NAC and displayed in Local Library

## **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence at this time

## **Police Report**

Sgt Donald Fisher apologised for not being ab

Before the Councillors report Isy Agnew stated that she had spoken to Fiona Timmons Practice Manager at The Doctors surgery who confirmed that she had received first correspondence from CC, she had replied that it was too short notice to arrange for someone from the Practice to attend. Mrs Timmons had no knowledge of a second letter as she had been off work ill for 5 weeks. On returning to work she subsequently developed another illness and had been off work again.

Martin agreed that this would fit in with the timing of the second letter.

Doctor Rai and the Practice Manager are aware of the situation of people feeling they need answers and explanations from the Surgery but due to other commitments it is not always possible for someone to attend an evening CC meeting. It was suggested that the CC could be a point of contact for this where people could get in touch with Isy Agnew who will pass these concerns on to the surgery. At present this is done with CC in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay. Louise Riddex suggested that we contact these groups to enquire if this is viable. Isy will do this. Information on this will be spread to wider community to ensure everyone knows about this.

When this discussion was over a member of the public stated that his wife had been in contact with the surgery recently and high praise was indeed in due for the service she had received which was a very positive step.

## **Councillor's Report**

**Councillor Murdoch explained that the cut of date for the consultation on the closure of the library was 22<sup>nd</sup> November so it will now be a waiting game to see what services will be cut. It is not only Skelmorlie Library which is under threat but also many more on the North Coast. The difference is in Skelmorlie the Community Centre/Library is the Hub of the village.**

**Unfortunately, this is not the only service which may be cut as NAC is in such dire circumstances also under threat and these include Classroom Assistants, School Crossing Guards and Carers all valuable assets in the area. These discussions can be viewed live on the NAC website for anyone who wishes to follow them.**

**Work on the Southbound A78, the turning point and the crossing at this area are also ongoing and we will be kept up to date with progress.**

**Santa Claus and his sleigh will tour Fairlie and Skelmorlie on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and this year we will be able to follow Santa by tracker on Facebook.**

**The auction of the land at Golf Course Road seemed to have no interest. The Auctioneer is aware of contamination so as yet no future plans.**

**Solar lights through the park is still being looked at and a local contractor will look at the area to see what the cost would be. Councillor Murdoch stated that West Kilbride was going through the same process just now but they have the Tree Canopy which should not affect Skelmorlie to the same extent**

**Janice Rodgers asked about the clearing of leaves on the plots as this area is dangerous to walk on**

**Billie Walker complimented the men who spread grit on the pavements but also said as in previous years that Beithglass Avenue and Hillview has not had roads or pavements done. The grit bin at the corner of Hillview and Beithglass has also not been filled. Councillor Murdoch will deal with this.**

## **AOCB**

**Isy and Billie had attended training for CC at West Kilbride and found it both interesting and informative. It is hoped to have more training arranged for those who could not manage the session**

**There is a Chit Chat meeting on Thursday 28th November at Skelmorlie Community Centre that Isy and Billie will also attend and bring feed back to the Group**

**A meeting to inform us about possible funding groups will be held in Kilwinning on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Billie and Isy will attend this.**

**Minutes for Meeting once approved with now be placed in Skelmorlie Library and on the Facebook Page**

**There being no further business Isy thanked everyone for attending wishing all A Happy Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year when it come.**

**The meeting closed at 8.10pm**

**Next Meeting will be in Skelmorlie Community Centre on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm**