

Strandhill Community Development Association

Agenda 26/10/2017

8pm Maritime Centre

- **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - **Matters Arising**
 - **Correspondence**
 - **Beach Rescue**
- **Maritime Centre Update**
 - **Campaigns**
- **Sewage Treatment Plant**
 - **AGM**
 - **AOB**

Minutes of Meeting 12^h September 2017 in Attendance: John Bartlett (acting chairperson), David McCoy, Neil Byrne, John Byrne, Helen McCauley, Luke Saunders, Sinead McGuire, Seamus McGoldrick, Paul Buchanan,

Apologies: Neil Walton, Mick McEnroe, Monica McElhinney, Michael Keane, Susan Tynan

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

An update of the maritime centre was given since the last meeting. DMC relayed that conveyance from the council to the new building had been agreed at the most recent Sligo County Council meeting. The maritime board had also selected First Western to conduct a feasibility study. Little progress had been made subsequently as the second round failte Ireland application had not yet arrived. A further update would be given at the next meeting.

Concern was expressed over the migration period of the centre over the winter months. MK mentioned that pre-fabricated buildings had been used in Golf club and this would be a viable solution. PB expressed concern over possible loss of business and clarity needed to be assured when the current maritime building is sold.

JBtt mentioned that the services of the IT could be used in the centre and the area as a whole to complete an energy audit to make the new centre more efficient and the area as a whole

JBTT outlined the parameters of the village senior's alert scheme that he had been in contact with Carmel from Ransboro Dev Association. The scheme was run by pobal. It would operate as a group scheme supplying panic alarms to signup senior citizens. It was agreed to approach Strandhill active retirement about the scheme and incorporate Ransboro as a peninsula wide endeavour.

Beach rescue

PB gave a synopsis of the village campaign to date about building up the campaign to get a boat for the village. The surf rescue team had mapped out the beach with a coded map outlining

different areas and this was distributed to the RNLI and the surf rescue team. The surf rescue team would be appealing locally for funds and would like the Dev Association to make a contribution to this.

It was felt that the County Council did not have a full appreciation of the work being done until working with surf rescue. SMCG mentioned the number of incidents he had dealt with over the busy summer period. PB mentioned that many rescues were made under the radar. NB mentioned that all rescues should be documented for future study. JB said the issue was also how to make Strandhill beach more accessible. SMCG questioned should more signage warning of dangers be implemented.

A brief discussion ensued on the development of a boardwalk to killaspugbrone and this would possibly provide more safety to walkers and families in the area. SMcGuire expressed the concern that this would involve massive investment. NB expressed the view that it would be an essential investment for the village comparing it with a project in Portugal.

It was agreed to approach the council about the possibility of a boardwalk.

Campaigns

It was agreed to reschedule the meeting with the caravan park on coastal erosion to a later date.

Work would be completed on Village awareness campaign for waste by the date of the AGM.

Bank of Ireland Enterprising Towns

DMC outlined the upcoming competition entry for the village in the Bank of Ireland Enterprising town on the 3rd October. A sub-committee had been setup of John Bartlett, Margaret Mulrooney, Sinead Maguire, Ciarán Mulrooney, Michael Keane, Monica McElhinny and David McCoy. The competition would be to showcase how Strandhill is an enterprising town and the winner would be announced in November. The winning entry could get in excess of €15000. An update would be given at the next meeting.

Scheduling of Meetings

The next meeting was set for 17th October 2017.

AOB

NB outlined that Declan McGarry of Sligo Riding Centre had approached him to broach the topic of constriction through the main thoroughfare in the village. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Business Committee rather than the SCDA.

There was no other business the meeting concluded at 9.00pm.