

INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting Held on Thursday 01st April 2004 In the Inverkip Hotel

Present: Lynne Chambers, Cliff Lyons (treasurer), Innes Nelson (chair) & Lorraine Marshall (secretary).

Apologies: Ron Potter (vice chair), Paul Maloney & Cllr Forbes

In Attendance: PC Ian McAdam, Mr A Watters, Mrs I Hunter, Ms J McLellan, Miss J Cameron, Mr A Lynch & Mr P Wilkinson.

Innes Nelson welcomed all present. At 7.30pm the meeting was opened.

Joanne Cameron: Is a sixth form pupil at Notredam High School, studying for exams. She is studying the topical issue of development land swap within Inverkip. She requires a balanced view and has been interviewing various parties within the village.

Police matters: Figures for the period 01.03.2004-01.04.2004

Inverkip	Fire- Glen area started by youths		
	Housebreaking- Findhorn Cres		
	5 Alarms		
	3 RTA	2 Car Break-ins	1 Abandoned Vehicle
	8 Crime Reports including possession of drugs & disqualified driver		

The peak times for incidents/crimes are Friday and Saturday evenings

Wemyss Bay	8 Complaints
	2 Disturbances
	2 RTA
	3 Vandalisms
	4 Alarms
	9 Crime Reports including 2 breach of the peace & 1 offensive weapon possession.

The majority of problems are caused by youth disorder. There are only a small number of problematic youths, which are known in the area.

Targeting the school area and moving / issuing tickets for parking irresponsibly at the crossings or on the zigzags.

PC McAdam intends to police the area actively and give a notable presence. His hours are 0800-1700 day shift and 1500-00.00 back shift. He is able to highlight critical times to the other community police officers who can also actively police the area when he is not on shift. He requests that villagers are proactive in calling the police out and to follow this up with statements.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 4th March 2004 were approved.

Matters Arising: Cllr Forbes had supplied the following info:

Wemyss Bay Station – No plans for redecoration from either Network Rail or Scotrail

Felled Trees – awaiting a response

U-Turns on A78 – Scottish Executive intend to bring in regulations banning U-turns.

585-stagecoach – A78 stop no stance and no likelihood of this changing as costs prohibitive.

The bus is express and cannot come through the village. It is suggested that clients wishing to use this service meet it at Wemyss Bay by utilising the McGill's service from within the village.

Fence at Footbridge - Update later

Pierhead crossing Wemyss Bay – this is to go ahead and now issues such as parking and bus shelter are being discussed.

Secretary's Report: Lorraine Marshall advised that this had been a very busy month for correspondences.

Wrote to Cllr Forbes re meeting he requested reply from Alan Blair advising that he is concerned with the direction we are taking. He is to make himself available to meet with us in future.

Letters from B Purdie re minutes, especially those from 8 January, also postings of minutes to web site. In view of his queries Lynne Chambers proposed a vote of no confidence regarding Inverclyde Councils proposal to release Greenbelt land for development. This was seconded by Innes Nelson.

Voting then took place.

This vote was unanimous with a show of 4. Motion carried.

Although Inverkip Library is to remain open the hours are not yet fixed and it looks likely that the overtime hours may be dropped which would mean no Saturday or later evening opening. L Marshall to write to Inverclyde requesting that at the very least the hours remain the same or are increased due to the usage of the library. Only library in Inverclyde with large increase. Cllr Forbes advised at our last meeting that he would back this issue.

Treasurer's Report: Balance £400.

No cheque book yet received from Bank of Scotland, resulting in payments still being outstanding to members. The invoices are mounting quite sizeably and must be paid quickly. C Lyons to insist a cheque book is forthcoming. Bank of Scotland have implemented a central call centre for all calls and it is impossible to contact your local branch for info.

Newsletter/website/press matters: The next newsletter is due out at the beginning of June and the cut off for articles submission will be 15 May.

Several emails had been received from the Scouts mainly regarding the land swap. These will be replied to in due course.

Email received regarding overgrowth in Langhouse Road. This has been dealt with and rectified.

Planning Matters:

- Conservatory - 40 Leapmoor Drive Wemyss Bay
- Decking – 3 Hill Road Inverkip
- Conservatory – 10 Beatock Place Inverkip
- Conservatory – 82 Harbourside Inverkip
- Hot food outlet – Mrs Benson – this has had the appeal dismissed on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the greenbelt.

P.L.I : Precognitions have been delivered to the program manager and Innes Nelson & Ron Potter will be representing the Community Council.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 6th May 2004 at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

Other Business: No further matters for discussion.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.