

# **INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Business**

### **Meeting held on Thursday 1st of November 2012 at Inverkip Primary School at 7pm**

**Present:** Hugh Ritchie; Ron Potter; David Adams; Jean Anderson, Eileen Virtue, Telfer Ramage and Tracy Bunton

**2. Apologies for absence:** resident Liz McKenzie

**In attendance:** Cllr Ciano Rebecchi, Cllr Innes Nelson, Cllr Gerry Dorrian; Inspector Ian Wood; David Faller and Willie Stewart, Inverclyde Radio; three members of the public

#### **3. Police Matters**

##### 3.1 Police Report

Inspector Wood informed that crime levels were at a significantly lower level than the same time last year. The report is attached as Appendix 1.

##### 3.2 Bus Stop – Main Street, Inverkip

Resident Douglas Vallance raised a concern about the relocation of a bus stop close to the entrance to his house meaning passengers lean on his window sills. He was also concerned about the absence of consultation. Cllr Dorrain offered to request from Inverclyde Council's Roads team an explanation for the move and to request it is returned to its most recent location.

**ACTION:** Cllr Dorrian to report back with explanation for the relocation of Main Street, Inverkip bus stop.

##### 3.3 Obscuration of Signage – Main Street, Inverkip

Concern raised about the location of speed signage being obscured by it's location outside Inverkip Hotel.

**ACTION:** Cllr Dorrian to report concerns about signage to Inverclyde Council's Roads team.

##### 3.4 Speeding – Spey Road, Inverkip

Telfer stated his concerns about excessive speed on Spey Road, Inverkip.

**ACTION:** Insp. Wood to organise speed readings to be taken and Vulcan speed monitoring equipment for Community Police to monitor speed on Spey Road, Inverkip.

#### **4. Inverclyde Radio**

David Faller and Willie Stewart, Inverclyde Radio thanked IWBCB for the opportunity to explain their new internet radio service. They explained that as well as a broadcasting a wide range of music they promote events and meetings. They informed that they are keen to be kept informed of local events and offered to record and broadcast meetings. It was agreed that IWBCB will publicise Inverclyde Radio on the Inverkip notice-board and at Wemyss Bay Community Centre.

**ACTION:** Jean and David to publicise Inverclyde Radio on the Inverkip notice-board and at Wemyss Bay Community Centre.

#### **5. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

##### **Matters Arising**

##### 5.1 Daff Glen

Eileen and Hugh are making progress with an application to fund the concept of a Green Gym Initiative with Charlie Cairns.

##### 5.2 Finnockbog Turbines

Hugh lodged an objection on behalf of IWBCC.

### 5.3 IWBCC Email and Website

Eileen created a shared IWBCC email address.

**ACTION:** Eileen to make contact with Harold McPherson to access the IWBCC website with a view to taking over as webmaster.

### 5.4 Remembrance Wreaths

Ron has taken delivery to be dropped off/ collect by Jean and David.

### 5.5 IWBCC Agenda Items

Eileen to create a notice for notice-board asking for agenda items to be emailed to [IWBCC@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:IWBCC@yahoo.co.uk) - Ongoing.

### 5.6 Roads Matters

Eileen submitted a list of roads issues to Mark Higginbotham at Inverclyde Council's Roads Team.

**ACTION:** Eileen to forward email to all 3 ward Councillors and a reminder to Mark.

### 5.7 Future Meetings

Tracy to book school lets for meetings January 2013 – June 2013 – Ongoing

### 5.8 Minute Taker

**ACTION:** Ron to research the cost of a minute taker - ongoing

### 5.9 Community Council – Retention Period

**ACTION:** Tracy to find out Community Council documentation retention requirements - ongoing

### 5.10 Corrections:

Item 3 – amend 'Woo' to 'Wood'.

Item 11 – amend '201' to '2013'

**Minutes proposed as accurate by David Adams and seconded by Eileen Virtue.**

## 6.1 Secretary Report, Correspondence and Resignation

Hugh provided the following report:

- Email received from Pete Stockton asking IWBCC permission to display notice to publicise and generate interest developing floral displays at Inverkip train station in conjunction with Network Rail. It was agreed that this could be done and Jean agreed to display the notice.
- Various reports and correspondence from Inverclyde Council
- A variety of correspondence from voluntary organisations and charities.
- Email from Charlie Cairns in connection with proposed Green Gym initiative offering the opportunity to 12 volunteers to work with professionally trained officers to run the project – Eileen to respond
- Letter from Inverclyde Council explaining/ reminding that objections to planning applications need to be submitted 14 days before the date of the planning committee/ review board. It was recognised that compliance will require close and regular attention to weekly planning list.  
<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/planning-and-the-environment/planning/planning-applications/application-registers-weekly-list>

## 6.2 Member Vacancies

5 expressions of interest were received following publicity of vacancies on inverclydenow.com, Greenock Telegraph and notice board.

Following consultation with the constitution and advice from Inverclyde Council's Legal Services it was recognised that co-option of 2 new members would be the most straight forward option. It was agreed that Tracy will email all interested parties asking for a nomination form to be completed with a note that priority may be given to those interested in taking up role of secretary. Responses will be requested within 10 working days. A decision will be made on co-option or the need to have an interim election if more than 2 nomination forms are received.

**ACTION:** Tracy to email those indicating interest to join IWBCC with nomination form.

## 7. Planning Matters

Shielhill Farm - application for a 35 meter 50kw turbine. 6 to 1 voted objecting to the planning application on the grounds that the site being within the Clyde Muirshiel Country Park. It was agreed that an objection would be submitted on behalf of IWBCC.

**ACTION:** Hugh to submit an objection on behalf of IWBCC.

**ACTION:** Ciano to provide Hugh with contact details for Bill Travers from Larkfield and Branchton Community Council.

## 8. Treasure's Report

Ron Potter reported that the CC's bank account balance at 1 November 2012 is £ 244.32.

Recent invoices received still to be paid:

- £50 – 6 monthly fee for website
- £54.20 – wreaths

He stated he has received an email from Inverclyde Council informing admin grant for 2012/13 is slightly higher than before to reflect the increasing population and amounts to £1316.70. This will be credited to the bank account within the next 2 days.

Ron informed that he has changed his record system to accommodate new reporting requirements. He is awaiting a response from IC officer Peter MacDonald to questions about expenses policy.

## 9. A78 – Meeting with Transport Scotland

Representation from IWBCC, the 3 ward Councillors, 2 MSPs, and 2 representatives from Amey met on 5 October 2012 at The Chartroom. Strathclyde Police reported in advance of the meeting that there were 4 reported accidents in the 12 months to the date of the meeting (1 drunk driver). The outcomes from the meeting:

- Warning signs costing up to £15k will be installed warning traffic on the A78 about traffic leaving the Sainsbury's junction
- IWBCC informed Amey that this is not the cause of accidents and instead traffic approaching the junction from Greenock is not visible to traffic leaving the junction.
- Transport Scotland once again stated they do not consider this stretch of road as a priority
- Amey agreed to 'go back and consider' request for traffic lights however it was felt by IWBCC that this suggestion was not at all well received.

Hugh reminded all of the planning gain for the Brueacre development and asserted his view that residents and representatives continue to press this issue in the meantime.

## 10. Inverkip Library

Cllr Dorrian reported that Wemyss Bay Primary is being considered as the interim site for the relocation of the library. Concerns were raised by Hugh about access for Inverkip residents. Cllr Dorrian stated that data indicates that the library use is shared equally by residents from both villages.

The outcome will be reported to the next meeting as well as an update on the new Inverkip Community Centre – target completion 2014.

## 11. Christmas Tree Lights Switch On: 30 November 2012

Wemyss Bay: 7pm at the Community Centre

Inverkip: 6pm location still to be decided. Jean reported that she is in discussion with Alison Smith IC Corporate Communications. After discussion it was agreed that ward Councillors and Jean will liaise with Alison to inform her that the preferred site for the switch on is within the grounds of Inverkip Primary.

**ACTION:** Jean to liaise with Alison Smith

**ACTION:** Tracy to book let for access to Inverkip Primary to host entertainer after light switch on.

## 12. AOCB

Inverkip Station Footbridge – Telfer requested an update on the opening of the footbridge. Ward Councillors informed that the operation of the lift and contractual issues are delaying the opening.

Spey Road – Telfer requested an update on the resurfacing of Spey Road. Councillors Rebecchi recommended submitting digital photographs of the areas of concern to ward Councillors to pass to the Roads team.

**13. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 6th December 2012 at 7pm in Wemyss Bay Primary School.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:15pm

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# Issues Raised

Number of RTCs at Sainsbury's junction.

## Action Taken

Information provided to secretary prior to meeting regarding matter.

## Crimes and Activity

For the 4 week period there were a reported **9 crimes**. This accounts for **2%** of the total crimes across Inverclyde. This is also a reduction of **67%** from the same period of the previous year.

Greenock Central	175
Greenock East	65
Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton	38
Port Glasgow West	52
Port Glasgow East	54
Greenock Southwest	46
Holefarm and Cowdenknowes	9
Greenock West and Cardwell Bay	25
<b>Inverkip and Wemyss Bay</b>	<b>9</b>
Gourock	26
Kilmacolm	16

Table 1: Crime reported by Community Council Area

Crimes of Violence	0
Crimes of Housebreaking (domestic)	1
OLP other than Motor Vehicle	0
Other Crimes of Dishonesty	1
Vehicle Crimes	0
Vandalism	1
Other Crimes	0
<b>Miscellaneous Offences</b>	<b>5</b>
Offences relating to motor vehicles	1

Table 2: Crime types in the area

Miscellaneous Offences include; Statutory Breach of the Peace (3) Common Assault (1) and Hoax Call (1).

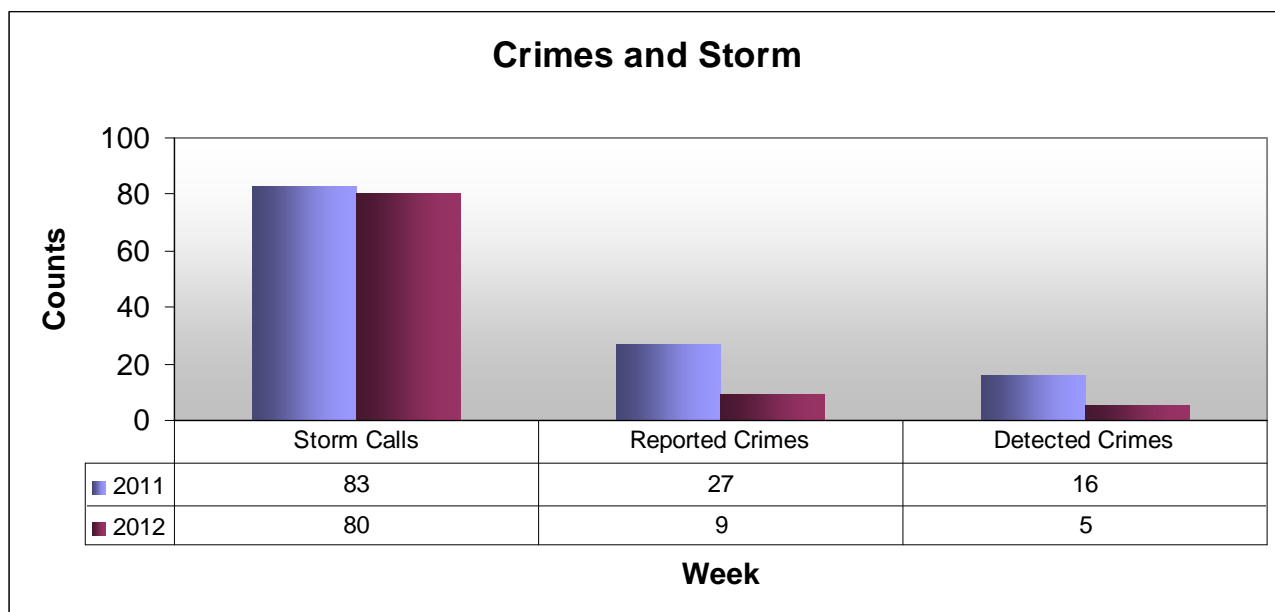


Chart 1: Yearly Change

	2011	2012	Change
Storm Calls	83	80	-4%
Reported Crimes	27	9	-67%
Detected Crimes	16	5	-69%
Percentage Detected	59%	56%	

Table 3: Yearly Change Percentages

## Road Traffic Incidences

The total of Road Traffic Incidences was 1 for the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area. For the same period last year there were a total of 3.

## Fire Related Incidences

Strathclyde fire reported 1 incident for a Road Traffic Collision for this area for the month of September.

## Community Warden Reports

There were 0 calls to the Community Wardens Service from Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area for the same period.

## Campaigns and Initiatives in the area

Strathclyde Police campaign Dealing with ASB and Don't Hate Me.