

# **INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Business Meeting**

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 7.00pm**

### **Inverkip Primary School**

**Present:** Eileen Virtue (Chair), Paul Cassidy, Robert McKenzie (Treasurer), Tracy Bunton (Minutes Secretary), Isobel Rennie, Alison Clark,

**In attendance:** Cllr. L. Rebecchi, Cllr G Dorrian, Cllr I Nelson, Peter Langley (Oak Mall) & 2 members of the public.

**1.0 Apologies for absence:** Jean Anderson (Secretary), Liz Mackenzie, Cllr G Dorrian, Duncan McNeil MSP

#### **2.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Eileen chaired the meeting, welcoming everyone to the meeting

#### **3.0 Police Matters**

Sgt Paul Johnstone attended the meeting. He referred to the analyst's February 2015 report and summarised activity since then: 22 reports, 5 crimes, 3 detected. Matters of interest included 1 serious assault in Inverkip during an afternoon, a bus driver was assaulted, a car was vandalised in Inverkip, 1 incident of indecent exposure in the Inverkip public toilets, Kipper Bistro was broken into. Sgt Johnstone explained the Campaign Against Violence over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 at the beaches. He went onto explain a new Community Policing structure being introduced from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Officers Ali Burns and Andy Stewart will cover the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay area.

Sgt Johnstone offered to investigate behind boarded up parts of the Wemyss Bay Hotel and it's vicinity to ensure it was safe following Cllr Rebecchi's report of debris.

Cllr Nelson informed Sgt Johnstone that he has witnessed paperwork confirming Ardgowan Estate's ownership of Inverkip's Roman Bridge and the land at either side. He also informed that the Estate have given express permission for the public to access the bridge. Sgt Johnstone confirmed that his colleagues are aware of the position and that the police can offer advice on civil matters. Eileen suggested that the Green Gym volunteers may be able to restore fencing at the Roman Bridge or the Lady's walk.

**ACTION:** Tracy to report back from visit to the Roman Bridge and the Lady's walk

Sgt Johnstone reminded that it is more effective to report incidents as they occur.

#### **4.0 Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 - Matters Arising**

Progress on actions from previous minutes is summarised and updated in Appendix 1.

##### **4.1 Safer and Inclusive Communities – British Transport Police**

Tracy reported that the officer from Safer and Inclusive Communities was unfortunately not available to attend either the April or May meetings however agreed to provide a report from the Multi Agency Task Group regarding plans for the beaches over the summer period.

**ACTION:** Tracy to obtain a report from Safer and Inclusive Communities Multi-Agency Task Group regarding plans (trains/ beaches) over the summer months

##### **4.2 Bus Service**

Paul reported back from his contact with Duncan McNeil MSP who was not able to attend the community council meeting would be keen to meet with the community councillors at a separate meeting,

**ACTION:** Paul to organise meeting with Duncan McNeil regarding bus services.

**Minutes proposed as accurate by Alison Clark and seconded by Eileen Virtue**

## **5.0 Oak Mall – Community Engagement**

Eileen introduced Peter Langley from Oak Mall, Greenock. He thanked the community council for allowing him to meet with residents. He explained that his company has purchased the mall in March 2014 and is still in the process of developing plans. Considerable investment has already been made in flood prevention and mediation measures have been organised with Scottish Water who he reported are not aware of the extent of the issues in the vicinity of the mall. He spoke about investment in roof repairs and it is hoped the imminent announcement of new occupants and the development of a car park. He explained engagement with other local retailers outwith the mall, charities and voluntary organisations.

Cllr Rebecchi expressed concerns about the Oak Mall management's public criticism of Inverclyde Council regarding the level of Non Domestic Rates when these are set nationally and not by the Council.

A discussion followed about improving the mall's provision including capitalising on tourism including cruise ship passengers and crew. Suggestions from the community council included making use of the vacant units including hosting a farmers market and themed events through the year.

Peter went on to encourage the use of the Mall's website and to contact the Mall with suggestions and comments.

<http://oakmall.co.uk/>

## **6.0 Secretary's report and planning matters**

Eileen informed that Jean had emailed informing a range of Inverclyde Council Committee reports had been received since the date of the last meeting however there were no matters arising from these.

## **7.0 Planning**

Applications currently under consideration are limited to domestic planning requests

Cllr Rebecchi offered to enquire with Scottish Power about Eileen's observations of cabling being removed from the substation on Spey Road, Inverkip

A resident reported that he provided a supply of Save Cowal Hills leaflets to Wemyss Bay residents to share with their neighbours

## **8.0 Roads, Pavements and Lighting**

Cllr Rebecchi commented on the roll out of LED street lighting.

## **9.0 Treasurers Report**

Robert reported that the balance is £2836.37 (inclusive of 2014/15 grant). Robert requested once again that all invoices are presented as quickly as possible to be included in 2014/15 accounts. Paul

is to be reimbursed for the cost of the hard drive. Robert will check with Jean regarding the payment of the noticeboards.

### **10.0 IWBCC: Training**

Eileen expressed disappointment at the level of non-attendance at training arranged for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. 6 community councillors attended however it was postponed because unfortunately the trainer was not able to gain access to the school. The next session has been arranged for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7:00pm in Inverkip Primary.

### **11.0 IWBCC AGM**

Jean will be asked to book Inverkip Primary for the AGM - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7:00pm. Eileen asked for agenda items

### **12.0 AOCB**

#### 12.1 Green Gym

Eileen informed that enquiries are being made by Green Gym to carry forward funding to run sessions early 2015/16

#### 12.2 Planters

Eileen suggested using funds to purchase planters and to offer these to local business to sponsor and local groups to maintain. It was suggested that Cornalees may be able to offer support

**ACTION:** Tracy to email Street Life inviting a representative to the May meeting.

#### 12.3 Inverkip MUGA

Paul informed that Cllr Dorrian asked him to let IWBCC know that the Inverkip Primary School MUGA is planned for May 2015

#### 12.4 ICE

A resident informed that ICE continue to support local groups by operating as an umbrella consultative group assisting applications for grants etc. ICE has recently supported the Toddlers group based at Inverkip church who are in line for a grant from Sainsburys.

Cllr Rebecchi went on to provide information relating to grants funding informing that CVS has been very cooperative.

### **13.0 Date and time of next meetings:**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in Wemyss Bay Primary School at 7:00pm**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Inverkip Primary School following the AGM which will start at 7:00pm**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:00pm

**APPENDIX 1****IWBCC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**

ITEM	NEW ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 2.4.15	RESPONSIBLE		STATUS at 4.5.15
3.0	Report back from visit to the Roman Bridge and the Lady's walk – potential site for Green Gym	TB	Nothing in obvious need of repair	Complete
4.1	Safer and Inclusive Communities – obtain a report about Multi-Agency Task Group plans (trains/ beaches)	TB	Ian Hanley attending IWBC meeting 14.5.15	Complete
4.2	Organise a meeting with Duncan McNeil regarding bus services	PC		
12.2	Invite Street Life representative to the May meeting	TB	No response to email	Ongoing
	<b>ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE	STATUS
	Meeting with Duncan McNeil MSP to be organised re Bus services	PC		
	Eileen to write to Bett Homes expressing residents concerns regarding Roads & Lighting	EV		Ongoing
	Eileen to email Green Gym requesting availability after Easter 2015	EV	Waiting for confirmation of budget	Ongoing
	Notice-boards: construction. (David will construct metal frames)	JA/ Cllr Rebecchi/ Cllr Dorrian	Plans are agreed and in production at The Trust	Ongoing
	Find out Dr Campbell's availability to speak at public meeting in September. Contact Scottish Renewables& Save Clyde Muirsheill Park	EV		Ongoing
	Obtain Ian Hanley's response from British Transport Police	TB	See item (4.1)	Complete
	Station Avenue at post box – request progress report from RCH	Cllr Rebecchi/ JA	Hedges have been trimmed, trees to be felled by RCH	Ongoing
	Bachan Burn Wind Farm (PNE) - Eileen to notify concerns to MSPs McMillan, McNeil, Goldie and Derek McKay	EV	See item (4.2)	In progress
	A78 flooding at Power Station – update to be requested from resident progressing this matter with Transerve	TB	Transerv engineer has escalated to management team.	In progress
	Attend Police Scotland community engagement meeting 11.2.15	JA	Jean attended. Email report received from Insp. Damian Kane See item (3.0)	Ongoing
	Obtain permission to locate a notice board at Sainsburys	AC	Permission received, notice board to be purchased	Ongoing
	Contact Heather at Save Cowal's Hills Group offering support	EV		Complete
	Contact Discover Inverclyde (Chris Jewell) re visual impact (PNE proposal)	EV		Ongoing
	Consult Stuart McMillan MSP regarding A78 speed limit	EV	See item (4.4)	Ongoing
	Approach local bus firms outlining interest in a service to Hill Farm – invite to meeting	EV	See item (4.4)	Ongoing