

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Thursday 3rd April 2014 at 7.00pm

Inverkip Primary School

1. Present: Eileen Virtue (Chair), Jean Anderson (Secretary), David Adams, Alison Clark, Cliff Lyons, Robert McKenzie (Treasurer), Isobel Rennie;

In attendance: Cllr. G. Dorrian; Cllr I.Nelson; 2 members of the public; David Carnduff(Largs&Millport Weekly News)

2. Apologies for absence: Tracy Bunton (Minutes Secretary), Liz MacKenzie, Cllr. L. Rebecchi;

3. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Alison chaired tonight's meeting. Eileen took the minutes.
Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Police Matters

Paul Jackman attended and read out the crimes report. There have been several break-ins reported in the village: home in Daff Avenue, Cornalees(where 2 mobility scooters were stolen), Bongios(where large sum of cash taken). Police will be having additional patrols in the village. Enquiries are ongoing – and if anyone has any information to please call 101 (Police number for non-emergencies).

David asked question regarding quad bikes - can they be driven on private land?

Answer: not without specific permission. Not permitted to be driven on roads or pavements without a valid road licence.

5. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2013 - Matters Arising

Progress on activities updated in Appendix 2

Minutes proposed as accurate by Alison Clark and seconded by David Adams.

6.0 Pavements and Roads

6.1 Station Road Inverkip – work was done this week – markings repainted, potholes repaired and patched.

6.2 Willow Place Inverkip – Jean asked councillors for advice about problems with access to entrance to Willow Place being blocked around school times.

Advised if obstruction, to report to the Police and they can monitor.

Also suggested to write to the school asking them to remind parents to be considerate of residents when parking at school in/out times.

Action: Eileen to organise email/letter to Inverkip School

7.0 Secretary Report and Correspondence

Jean provided the following report:

- Planning Board Report
- Local Review Body (Wed 7 May 4pm)
- General Purposes Board (9 April)
- Traffic Regulation Order proposed for Union Street Bridge in Greenock (Tonnage restriction)
- Disabled Parking Requests report (none in IWBC area)
- Polices & Resources Meeting (25 March)
- Inverclyde Licensing Board

Cliff asked councillors about report in Greenock Telegraph regarding special Scottish Government funding (city deal) which mentioned a roundabout plan for Inverkip as one of the short listed potential projects for Inverclyde.

Cllr Nelson confirmed the matter was discussed at Inverclyde Council meeting in January. It is still under discussion whether Inverclyde Council will sign up to join the initiative as it requires Inverclyde Council to commit to wider regional projects.

8.0 Planning Matters

None to be discussed.

9.0 Treasurer's Report

Robert provided a report for the meeting:

- Bank account balance: £2160.18 (includes donation of £100 from ICE towards Green Gym expenses. Received with thanks.)
- David to pass invoice for Chico the Clown to Robert.
- Eileen to pass invoices for Green Gym expenses (around £238)
- Jean passed invoices to Robert for incidentals (meeting supplies etc)

10.0 Inverkip Community Initiative

The planning application is still to be submitted – outlook for April. Very successful visit made to the Kilmacolm Community Centre on 11 March 2014. ICI members had good look around and had very helpful discussions. Came away with very useful information and advice.

11. Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 1 May 2014 at 7pm in Wemyss Bay Primary School

12. AGM

It was proposed that the AGM will be held on Thursday 5th June 2014 however this will be confirmed at the next meeting.

12 AOCB

12.1 Taxi Rank Inverkip

Email received from Cllr Rebecchi asking for IWBCC views on suggestion to request a taxi rank to be established in Inverkip. All agreed this would be good idea and we will reply to Cllr Rebecchi.

David mentioned difficulty in getting a disabled taxi last week when his adapted van was off the road. Had to call a disabled taxi from Largs as none available from Inverclyde Taxis.

Cllrs confirmed that 11 disabled taxi licenses in Inverclyde – but not all currently active with cars.

Smaller taxis have now been approved to be used for disabled taxis.

Several current licenses are being re-advertised as their conditions had lapsed.

12.2 Burns Drive/Leapmoor Drive/Castle Drive

A resident present at the meeting brought up matter of culverts 70% blocked currently. He has already spoken to Scottish Water – who came out and reviewed – then phoned to say not their responsibility and to contact Inverclyde Council.

Action: Cllr Dorrian will ask IC Roads Dept(Flooding Officer) to investigate

12.3 Waste ground overgrown – close to Pearsons Garage, WB.

A resident present at the meeting mentioned overgrown and untidy area /footpath close to Pearsons Garage. Eileen mentioned she had also heard about this piece of ground from Brownies leader in WB. Brownies are hoping to take responsibility for this piece of woodland area which view to clearing and establishing a small community garden – which the Brownies would like to maintain. They have offers of support – some equipment, plants, bulbs etc.

Action: Eileen agreed to contact Conservation Volunteer Service representative who has helped us with Daff Glen Green Gym...with a view to helping Brownies with advice and some support. The area does potentially have Japanese Knotweed...which will need to be dealt with.

Action: Eileen will pass Brownie contact details to Friends of WB Station also.

12.4 Litter at beach beside Wemyss Bay Pier Sliproad and on Private Beach area at WB.
A resident present at the meeting brought up problem of lot of litter/debris – which is unsightly and definitely not good impression for visitors using the ferry/station.

Action: IWBC (Alison) will write to Calmac (and possibly Scottish Water as their treatment plant is there) to request they take actions to cleanup.

Cllr Dorrian also contacted by resident about lot of rubbish on shore at private beach area after the winter storms(sorry do not know road name!)

Action: Cllr Dorrian will speak to Restorative Justice about possibility of doing a cleanup.

12.5 Sainsbury charity initiative:

Cliff was asked by manager at Sainsbury in Inverkip to ask IWBC if they could nominate a local project for consideration for charity funding.

Action: Alison will speak to manager to get more info about type of project and funding available

12.6 Innerkip Society:

Robert mentioned Innerkip Society are looking for any candidates for hardship funding from the Innerkip Society funds. If anyone knows of suitable candidates or groups, to contact them with suggestions/nominations.

12.7 Green Gym Initiative:

David has more pallets converted ready to use in Daff Glen as required.

IWBCC members agreed it would be good to complete the “boardwalk” area. And possibly use some pallets to bridge the gap at the fallen tree.

David also mentioned possibly trying to get Daff Glen path added to the walk leaflets which are available in libraries etc.

Action: Eileen to pass remaining chicken wire to David.
Eileen to try to organise another volunteer day for Daff Glen

13.0 IWBC – Complaint

Another email has been received regarding complaint raised by a resident asking for further clarification on IWBC reply and opinions. We held a discussion and it was agreed by all present that no further actions were deemed appropriate by IWBC.

- IWBC chairperson to reply to complainant explaining our position and confirming that previous actions/response was unanimously agreed upon.

Action: Eileen to compose our reply , send out for full IWBC approval and then respond to complainant on behalf of IWBC.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:45 pm

APPENDIX 1

Police and Community Meeting Report – report not available

APPENDIX 2**IWBCC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 1 April 2014**

ITEM	NEW ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 6.3.14	RESPONSIBLE		STATUS
5.2	Email Ardgowan Estate asking for cooperation to prevent flooding at Brueacre Junction/ Spey Road	TB	TB's email to Ardgowan Estate was acknowledged - waiting for update. No reply received yet.	In progress
5.3	Alison to consult Transport Scotland about parking at Wemyss Bay train station cottages	AC/GD	AC spoke to resident and Trans Scot. Advised to speak to Inverclyde Council. Gerry agreed to try to find out more.	In progress
7.0	Email Inverclyde Leisure to request a fee waiver form.	JA	No reply yet from Ian Dyer. Jean only able to book next month meeting – as new hire rates and system being introduced.	In progress
12.2	Email secretary of residents association and Stuart Jamieson, Head of Regeneration. & Planning about proposal to provide access to Finnockbog Road from Hill Farm playpark	EV	Eileen to send emails	In progress
12.4	Report back from Community engagement in Inverclyde event	JA/ IR	Felt it was good meeting, worthwhile. IC team took onboard that they have not held much in Inverkip/WB. Jean will forward the meeting email to CC.	Completed
13.0	Eileen to reply to complainant	EV	As previously discussed and agreed, Eileen sent IWBC reply. We have now received an additional email – which will be	In progress

			replied to.	
ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE	STATUS
	CC Members training requests	TB	Finance and Planning requested. TB informed JA will be contacted at Community Engagement event	Ongoing
	Green Gym	EV	Next: 9.3.14	Complete
	Cullen Crescent notice board - opinion to be requested through the residents association	EV/IR	EV emailed resident association secretary. Received reply – they would have no objection but believe land owned by Stewart Milne. Isobel will email Stewart Milne .	In progress
	David will obtain quotes for notice-boards. (David will construct metal frames)	DA		Ongoing
	Robert to contact Transerve to discuss signage required at western entrance to Inverkip	RMcK	Robert sent reminder email. 4 emails sent – still no response.	Waiting response
	David & Paul to identify land in Wemyss Bay that may be suitable for the Green Gym and pass details to Allyson	DA/ PC	Allyson met David and Paul – decided no work required	Complete
	Alison to follow up Brueacre junction, at the bottom of Spey Road enquiries with Transco – road resurfacing, cats eyes, road markings, signage	AC	Enquiries/ requests made by Alison. Cllr Rebecchi reported work was agreed for 2014/15	Complete
	Tracy to contact Network Rail to confirm drainage at the bottom of Spey Road at Brueacre Junction has been cleared.	TB		Complete
	Cllr Rebecchi asked the Roads team to progress of the repairs needed to be carried out by Scottish Water to the pavement outside the church	Cllr Rebecchi	Expected to be completed by 15.3.14	Progressing
	Eileen to email Legal Services submitting objection to removal of Wemyss Bay taxi licenses and also suggesting consideration is given to locating a rank in Inverkip.	EV		Complete
	Jean to contact Inverclyde Leisure reporting problems arranging school lets	JA/ Cllr Dorrian	Review of letting procedure to be reported to Education Committee 11.3.14	Complete
	Wemyss Bay Display Advertising	AC	Factor is investigating and consulting owners	Progressing
	Request alternative dates avoiding spring break from Dr Campbell to speak at public meeting. Contact Scottish Renewables& Save Clyde Muirsheill Park	EV		Ongoing
	Cliff to report blocked drains at Main Street, Inverkip to Inverclyde Council	CL	Cliff reported – incident number 68536. (Scottish Water advised they responsible for water in and Inverclyde Council for water ot getting out)	Complete
	Alison to report (A770/A78) Bankfoot flooding to Transerve	AC	Reported and will be monitored	Complete

	Jean to reply to IC Roads stating IWBCC request their professional opinion for preferred road traffic measures at Brueacre Road opposite WB Primary, in terms of safety for pedestrians and road users	JA	Barriers to be trialled and reviewed	Complete
	Findhorn Road – Parking Cllr Dorrian will reply to Paul requesting more detail.	Cllr Dorrian	Cllr Dorrian contacted IC Education	Complete