

# INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Business Meeting Held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2005 In The Inverkip Hotel, Rogues Room.

**Present:** Innes Nelson (chair), Ron Potter (vice chair), Hugh Ritchie, & Lorraine Marshall (secretary) & Harold McPherson.

**Apologies:** Cliff Lyons (treasurer), Lynne Chambers & Paul Maloney.

**In Attendance:** Sgt Stewart & Pc Kenny Wilson, Cllr Forbes, Mr & Mrs McIntosh, Mr Middleton, Mr & Mrs Cumming, Ms Palmer, Ms Pollock, Mr D Holmes, From Inverclyde Council to show a presentation on recycling Kenny Lang, Angela Hughes & Alan Walker.

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

**3 Presentation on Recycling:** It is proposed that the new recycling refuse collection system will be implemented in March starting at ward1 Kilmacolm. It is expected that it should be implemented in this area by June 05. These new measures will ensure that Inverclyde Council reach the correct recycling target levels in accordance with Government Guide lines. These new measures are being introduced to dwellings, which have front & back doors not flatted dwellings. A 3 wheelie bin system will operate. With a bin for garden refuse, household waste and another for plastic, cans, paper and textiles. Additional sites will be set up within the villages for glass recycling points. The household refuse will be collected alternate fortnights from the recycling. We are to work with the Cleansing Department to identify sites we feel may be suited for the glass recycling to Kenny Lang.

**4 Police matters:** Figures 06.01.2005 – 03.02.2005 Calls 65

DISORDER

1 Disturbance 1 Assaults 1 Domestic Incident

DISHONESTY

1 House Breakings (false alarm) 3 Thefts 1 Theft from Vehicle 1 Suspect Person

TRAFFIC

5 Abandoned Vehicles 4 Road Traffic Accidents 1 Alleged Drink Driver 9 Traffic Misc.

MISCELLANEOUS

3 Damage To Property 7 Alarms 3 Fires 12 Complaints 5 Assisting members of the public and other agencies 1 Message delivered 1 transfer prisoner 2 missing persons

There were 13 crimes with 7 detections.

A slight increase in litter has been noted. A number of persons have been warned in this regard (mostly juveniles)

**5 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 6th January 2005 were approved.

**Matters Arising: Bridgend:** A resident against this proposal raised the concern over loss of garden ground and the dangerous access at this proposed development. Cllr Forbes advised that he has concerns with this in relation to increased traffic increasing on the bend.

**Bus Stops:** R Potter is to raise the issue of these at the Community Councils Forum. We will receive an update in due course.

**Kip Village Residents Association:** H Ritchie is chair and I Christie is the Secretary/Treasurer of the association.

**6 Secretary's Report:** Lorraine Marshall advised many correspondences had been received and dealt with.

**7 Treasurer's Report:** We received the grant cheque from Inverclyde Council. Monies are still to be repaid to C Lyons.

**7.1 Expenses Policy:** This document will be distributed for consultation among the members.

**8 Planning Matters:** Bankfoot Farm Inverkip – Change of use of a store to tea room.  
Bankfoot Farm Inverkip – Erection of a covered equestrian facility  
Wemyss Bay Railway Station - Demolition of no-fines walls  
31 Castle Wemyss Drive Wemyss Bay – Certificate of Lawfulness of proposed rear extension & side porch.

**9 Newsletter/website/press matters:** The Spring Edition should be published in Early April. All articles to be received by 15 March 2005.

**12 Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

**13 AOB: 1** Lots of bags of litter had been collected from the A78 area. Wemyss Bay retain the litter collection from around the shops area.

**2** The roadway at recreation park development. The costings for this have now been calculated to bring the road to an acceptable standard. The next step in this regard is for Inverclyde Council to write to the Developer advising that this work will be undertaken and they will be required to pay for this.

**3** A leaflet was received from The Liberal Group requesting people come to a surgery in Inverkip Primary. It was not clear if this had in fact been issued by the Liberal Group or by Inverclyde Council. This leaflet was uninformative as it made reference to decisions that are yet to be taken. This would only confuse the people of Inverkip whom the Community Council have represented and informed factually at all stages through the Local Plan, Land Swap. Cllr Forbes advised that Cllr Blair has documented evidence from people who are confused over this issue.

It was disappointing that this notification only gave a maximum of 2 days to make arrangements to attend. This is not democratic.

Cllr Forbes agreed that he is not representative of the people of Inverkip in the way he voted on the land swap deal. He also agreed that he voted against the feeling of the village.

H Ritchie requested that Cllr Forbes provide corroborative evidence that The Scout Movement will close the Everton Site if Field 3 & 4 are built upon. Everton Scout Camp was purchased knowing that these fields had planning consent. Fraser Williamson Head of Planning Services is in favour of a "Buffer Zone" but Stewart Milne reject this.

At the Council Meeting of 10/2/2005 the Hillfarm Land swap was taken to a vote and it resulted in an 8 – 3 vote in favour of the swap. This will now be discussed and voted on at Full Council on 24/2/2005.

Castle Levan - here Inverclyde council have taken a political decision and have gone against the Reporters recommendations furthering development as Cllr Blair's "Glass Wall" stands halting development.

Power Station Inverkip/Wemyss Bay – the recommendation here is that the proposed 600 house development be disallowed. Obviously the site is owned by Scottish Power, as this is redundant should the right deal be struck then this may be developed in future.

**4** Hill Cottage Right of Way: This was used as a vehicular right of way. Cllr Forbes has requested evidence of this from the community.

**5** Street lamps at the Powerlines in Spey Road Inverkip. These have been ordered by Gordon McCreadie.

**6** A78 footbridge – the lighting in this is being looked into by Tom Divine of The Scottish Executive. Cllr Forbes will also see about lighting at the railway bridge and Brueacre intersection.

**7** Bus Stop Provision. Cllr Forbes is looking into this and hopes to have a meeting with all parties concerned. SPT, Police, Roads, Bus Providers, and Community Council. He is writing to Alistair Watson Chair of SPT to organise this.

**8** Flooding continues on the A78. Amey are carrying out work here to improve the drainage.

**9** The path from Carron Road Wemyss Bay to the woodland area is overgrown and slippery, as is Jacobs Ladder Inverkip. Cllr Forbes to arrange for these areas to be maintained.

**10** Repairs carried out to the burst main in Station Avenue Inverkip have resulted in the drain now being filled with the excess tarmac. Cllr Forbes to arrange for this to be cleared.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.25pm.