

**INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Minutes of Business Meeting  
Held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005  
In the Inverkip Hotel

Present: Innes Nelson (chair); Cliff Lyons (treasurer) Hugh Ritchie

Apologies: Cllr Eric Forbes; L. Chambers; R. Potter; P. Maloney; Harold McPherson

In attendance: PC Lesley Gibson; A. Lynch; J. Stewart; Fran McIntosh; Jim McIntosh; A. Cummings; E. Cummings; Isabel Hunter; T. Ramage; Graham Scott

3. Police Matters:

PC Lesley Gibson made the following report for the period 6<sup>th</sup> October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2005

Disorder: Disturbances 5; Assaults 0; Domestic Incidents 3

Dishonesty: Thefts 4; Thefts from vehicles 2; Thefts of vehicles 0; Housebreaking 1; Suspect persons 2

Traffic: Vehicle escort 4; Vehicles abandoned 1; Road accidents 3; Drunk drivers 0; Traffic other 5

Miscellaneous: Damage to property 8; Alarms 8; Fire 0; General complaints 20; Assist other agencies 0; Missing persons 1; Sudden death 1; Miscellaneous calls 7; Assist members of the public 4; Drinking in public 1

Total number of calls 80

Reported Crime

Total number of Crime Reports raised 29

Detections 13

Expressed as % 45%

General information

Total number of calls received down by 20%

Detections up by 11%

On going operations in the Ward area in an effort to combat street disorder/offences

3. Minutes of business meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2005 – Matters arising:

Bankfoot Roundabout: Hugh Ritchie asked if Cllr Forbes had advised of any further progress as to sponsorship. No information had as yet been received

The Minutes of the Business Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2005 were adopted.

4. Secretary's Report and Correspondence

A). Two wreaths – for Remembrance Sunday – have been ordered. It was planned that Innes and Harold will attend Inverkip and Wemyss Bay respectively.

b). Christmas lights switch on – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Festivities will commence at 6pm in Inverkip and 6.45pm in Wemyss Bay

c). Letters received from:

Scottish Natural Heritage – regarding conservational importance of land at Renfrewshire Heights.

Inverclyde Council – regarding Glasgow and Clyde Valley Draft Finalised Alteration 2005

Scottish Community Council – regarding Annual Conference/AGM 2005 on 19<sup>th</sup> November – passed to Ron Potter

Inverclyde Community Councils' Forum – regarding proposed changes to legislation likely to reduce community influence – passed to Ron Potter

Inverclyde Council's winter maintenance and procedures

Inverclyde Community Care News

Community Windpower regarding public open days on 12/13 November

Letters written to:

Allan Walker, Inverclyde Council's Waste Strategy Co-ordinator following his letter for suggestions for the positioning of neighbourhood recycling points

Brian Purdie, Inverclyde Council, regarding his letter requiring assurances that the newsletters would not contain anything which would compromise the Community Council

5. Treasurer's Report:

Cliff Lyons reported that the balance of the Community Council account is £905.72 as at the end of October 2005. The current balance is £808.34

6. Planning Matters

Applications:

29 Harbourside, Kip Village – extension to dwelling house

3 Lomond Road, Wemyss Bay – erection of conservatory

2 Leven Road, Wemyss Bay – extension to side of dwelling house

Hazelwood Cottage, Inverkip – installation and reconfiguration of stair

Bankfoot Farm, Inverkip – change of use of former storage area to office accommodation

7. Report on Public Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005

Much discussion took place regarding this meeting. The majority of opinion was that too much time had been dedicated to potential leisure facilities and not enough time was concentrated on important issues such as the proposed railway bridge.

The Chairman stated that further meetings in November would be arranged regarding Hill Farm and the proposed windpower installation. It was agreed that the Community Council would put forward some proposals regarding its position on the proposed Hill Farm development.

8. Report on planning event held at the Scottish Parliament

Both Innes and Cliff attended this event. The main wishes of delegates were:

- A). Local Plan should be community led and not developer led
- B). There should be a right of third party appeal
- C). Funding should be made available to fight unwanted development

The findings from the event will be published in early part of 2006

9. Election/co-option of Community Council members –

The secretary has written to Brian Purdie regarding the election of H Ritchie and H McPherson

It is proposed to have the election at the next meeting

10. Date and time of next meeting will be Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm at Inverkip Hotel

11. Any other business

A). Innes asked for volunteers to investigate the registration of civic trusts with regard to community interest. Volunteers are J. McIntosh; A. Cummings and E. Cummings and G. Scott for Wemyss Bay. A. Cummings agreed to supply further information to the next meeting

B). Cliff Lyons requested that discussions for proposed leisure facilities should be dealt with at a separate meeting in the New Year

C). G Scott stated that there was a substantial increase in vandalism at Wemyss Bay station. CCTV was not in operation. The Community Council will write to Network Rail.

D). G Scott stated that he had received letters from the Scottish Executive regarding parking restrictions continuing till 10.00pm and that licensing for residents was not possible as the road is a trunk road. The Community Council will write to Cllr Forbes; and MSPs Duncan McNeil and Bruce McFee.

E). A Cummings raised issues with regard to the new development on Langhouse Road. It would appear the developer is in breach of planning conditions. A. Cummings will keep the Community Council informed

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.10pm