

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Thursday 4th of April 2013 at 7pm

Wemyss Bay Community Centre

Present: Hugh Ritchie (Chair), Ron Potter; Telfer Ramage; David Adams; Isobel Rennie; Liz Mackenzie; Eileen Virtue, Jean Anderson and Tracy Bunton

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Gerry Dorrian

In attendance:, Cllr. L. Rebecchi; Cllr. I. Nelson; Sgt. Susan Phee, three members of the public.

3. Police Matters

3.1 Police Report

Sgt. Phee provided a report for the period 20th February 2013 until 19 March 2013 informing crime in the area represented 2.6% of all of Inverclyde's reported crime, an increase of 1 crime compared with the same period last year. 1 road accident occurred and was due to driver error at Bankfoot Farm. Community Council Partnership Briefing covering this period is attached as **Appendix 2**.

4. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2013

Matters Arising

4.1. A78 – follow up to meeting 5.10.12

Hugh reported that Colin Broadwood has moved to a new position however he will pursue him for a copy of the minutes of the meeting of 5.10.12.

ACTION: Hugh to contact Colin Broadwood once more requesting minutes of the meeting 5.10.12.

Cllr Rebecchi reported that Skelmorlie Community Council plan to invite IWBC to join them in a meeting with other North Ayrshire Community Councils to discuss pressure on A78.

ACTION: Cllr Rebecchi to forward to Tracy invitation to meet with North Ayrshire Community Councils.

4.2 Archived Documentation,

Liz will purchase external hard drives to store current and ongoing documentation and all archived documentation with the exception of any irreplaceable documentation should be securely destroyed.

ACTION: Liz to purchase external hard drives and securely destroy archived documentation.

Minutes proposed as accurate by Ron Potter and seconded by David Adams

5.0 Renewables 2020 Wind Farm

Liz reported receipt of communication from a resident from Luss Place, Greenock requesting support for her objection to the proposed Renewables 2020 Wind Farm. A comprehensive argument was set out against the development including the fact that its location is within the boundary of Clyde Muisheil Regional Park, the site's close proximity to housing and related health and safety concerns.

Hugh stated his agreement with the argument and he also stated that he realised that Jean does not. He went on to state his wish to confront Jean on this matter given she was not present to participate in the related discussion at the meeting on 7 March 2013. Jean stated that she does not agree with the default position of objecting to turbine planning applications but instead each application should be carefully considered. Hugh replied that the IWBC Turbine policy allows for this and that considerable effort is made by members to investigate each application. He went on to state that he was very disturbed about the decision taken in his absence at February's meeting to change the turbine policy. Tracy explained that following an extended debate, agreement was reached that re-establishing public opinion to ratify the policy which was thought to be in the region of 7 years old, would resolve doubt.

Ron suggested all familiarise themselves with TGC (The Green Company) publication.

It was agreed that Liz would reply to the Greenock resident stating IWBCC Turbine policy and that IWBCC will be watching for planning applications being submitted and will monitor the plans closely to make our decision and submit an objection as appropriate.

ACTION: Liz to reply to Greenock resident stating IWBCC turbine policy and plans to monitor the planning application.

6.0 Pavement Condition

Cllr Rebecchi offered to provide an update on roads, pavement and lighting upgrade plans at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Rebecchi to prepare an update on roads, pavement and lighting upgrade plans for the next meeting.

7.1 Secretary Report and Correspondence

Liz reported very encouraging developments made by Cllr Dorrian in relation to conditions at the top of Langhouse Road including Langhouse Mews. At a meeting on 26 March 2013 of Planners, Roads Service, the development company and the bank, a list of works to be completed was agreed to allow Inverclyde Council to adopt the road. The position will continue to be monitored.

8.0 Planning Matters

Ron reported an application for a Turbine at Kelly Mains was made.

ACTION: Tracy to circulate link to planning application 13/0077/IC requesting responses by email by Thursday 11 April 2013.

9.0 Treasurer's Report

Ron Potter reported that the CC's Year End report.

Opening balance:	£ 847.32
Income:	£1,316.70
Expenditure:	£ 803.00
Closing Balance	£1,316,02

Bank Account Balance at 4 April 2013: £1361.02

Ron kindly agreed to organise 2 independent examiners to review the accounts to present to the AGM on 2 May 2013.

10.0 Inverkip Facilities

Cllr Rebecchi confirmed funding is in place and legal matters are nearing completion. Telfer stated that no objection was made to the planning application by the Bowling Club.

11.0 Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 2 May 2013 at 7pm to be preceded by the AGM in Inverkip Primary School.

11.1 Resignations

A discussion about resignations followed and the ability to move co-opted members to 'full' community councillor status at the AGM. Tracy agreed to circulate advice from Legal Services relating to:

- Requirement to state in writing irrevocable decision to resign (to allow vacancies to be publicised)
- the process and timetable for filling vacancies.
- changing co-opted status to 'full' community councillor status

ACTION: Tracy to circulate Legal Service advice relating to resignations and filling vacancies

An interim chairperson and treasurer will be appointed at the AGM.

12.0 AOCB

12.1 Community Service Payback

David expressed appreciation of the project providing facility within Wemyss Bay Woods organised by Joyce McFarlane through the Forestry Commission. Liz will write to Charlie Cairns.

ACTION: Liz to write to Charlie Cairns, Inverclyde Council expressing appreciation of Community Service Payback project in Wemyss Bay Woods.

12.2 Daff Glen

3 days have been offered by the Green Gym. Ardgowan Estate is satisfied with the proposals with appropriate indemnification.

ACTION: Eileen to progress and report to the next meeting.

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

12.3 IWBCB Inventory

Ron informed that an inventory of equipment, stationary is reported to the AGM.

ACTION: Liz to prepare an inventory for the AGM.

12.4 Bank Account

Hugh and Ron will be required to be removed and replaced as Bank Account signatories.

ACTION: Jean to collect signatory paperwork from Bank of Scotland

APPENDIX 1**IWBCC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 4 APRIL 2013**

ITEM	NEW ACTION FROM MINUTES 4.4.13	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
4.1	Hugh to contact Colin Broadwood once more requesting minutes of the A78 meeting 5.10.12	HR	Complete
4.1	Cllr Rebecchi to forward to Tracy invitation to meet with North Ayrshire Community Councils.	Cllr Rebecchi	Complete
4.2	Liz to purchase external hard drives and securely destroy archived documentation	EM	
5.0	Liz to reply to Greenock resident stating IWBCB turbine policy and plans to monitor the planning application.	EM	Complete
6.0	Cllr Rebecchi to provide report of planned road, pavement and lighting upgrading	Cllr Rebecchi	
8.0	Tracy to circulate link to planning application 13/0077/IC requesting responses by email by Thursday 11 April 2013.	TB	Complete
11.1	Tracy to circulate Legal Service advice relating to resignations and filling vacancies	TB	Complete
12.1	Liz to write to Charlie Cairns, Inverclyde Council expressing appreciation of Community Service Payback project n Wemyss Bay Woods	EM	
12.2	Eileen to progress Green Gym and report to the next meeting.	EV	
12.3	Liz to prepare an inventory for the AGM.	EM	
12.4	Jean to collect signatory paperwork from Bank of Scotland	JA	
	ACTIONS - TO BE COMPLETED	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
4.1	Harold McPherson to transfer web master control to Eileen – David to contact Harold to make contact with Eileen	DA	Ongoing
4.4	Continue to monitor road conditions and the plan to resurface and solve drainage problems on Finnockbog Road	All	Ongoing
	COMPLETED/ REMOVED ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 7.3.13	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
5.1	Liz to email requesting clarification of enquiry about pharmacy provision	EM	Completed
10.1	Tracy to contact Inverclyde Council Legal Services in relation to the filling of the vacancies	TB	Completed
10.2	Cllr Dorrian to note and report IWBCB priority road improvements	Cllr Dorrian	Completed
10.2	Liz to email Cllr Dorrian about absence of pavement at Langhouse	EM	Completed
11.6	Send a report of fly tipping and dog fouling with photograph to Savilles	EM	Completed
11.7	Request details of procedure to change co-opted members to full membership from Inverclyde Council's Legal Services	TB	Completed

APPENDIX 2



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Inverkip and Wemyss Bay
Community Council Partnership Briefing
Inverclyde
From 20th February 2013 to 19th March 2013

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Issues Raised

Action Taken

Crimes and Activity

For the 4 week period there were a reported **14 crimes**. This accounts for **2.6%** of the total crimes across Inverclyde. This is an increase of 8% from the same period of the previous year.

Greenock Central	205
Greenock East	48
Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton	38
Port Glasgow West	49
Port Glasgow East	64
Greenock Southwest	24
Holefarm and Cowdenknowes	11
Greenock West and Cardwell Bay	47
Inverkip and Wemyss Bay	14
Gourock	26
Kilmacolm	11

Table 1: Crime reported by Community Council Area

VIEW_DESC	Total
GROUP 3 - Other Crimes of Dishonesty	4
GROUP 3 - Vehicle Crimes	1
GROUP 4 - Crimes of Fire Raising, Malicious Mischief etc	2
GROUP 5 - Other Crimes	1
GROUP 6 - Miscellaneous Offences	3
GROUP 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles	2
GROUP 1 - Crimes of Violence	1
Grand Total	14

Table 2: Crime types in the area

Miscellaneous Offences and Other Crimes include; Breach of Peace, Misuse of Drugs, Statutory Breach of Peace, Common Assault
 Other Crimes of Dishonesty include; Theft by shoplifting and Theft not elsewhere classified.
 Crimes of Fire Raising etc include Vandalism.

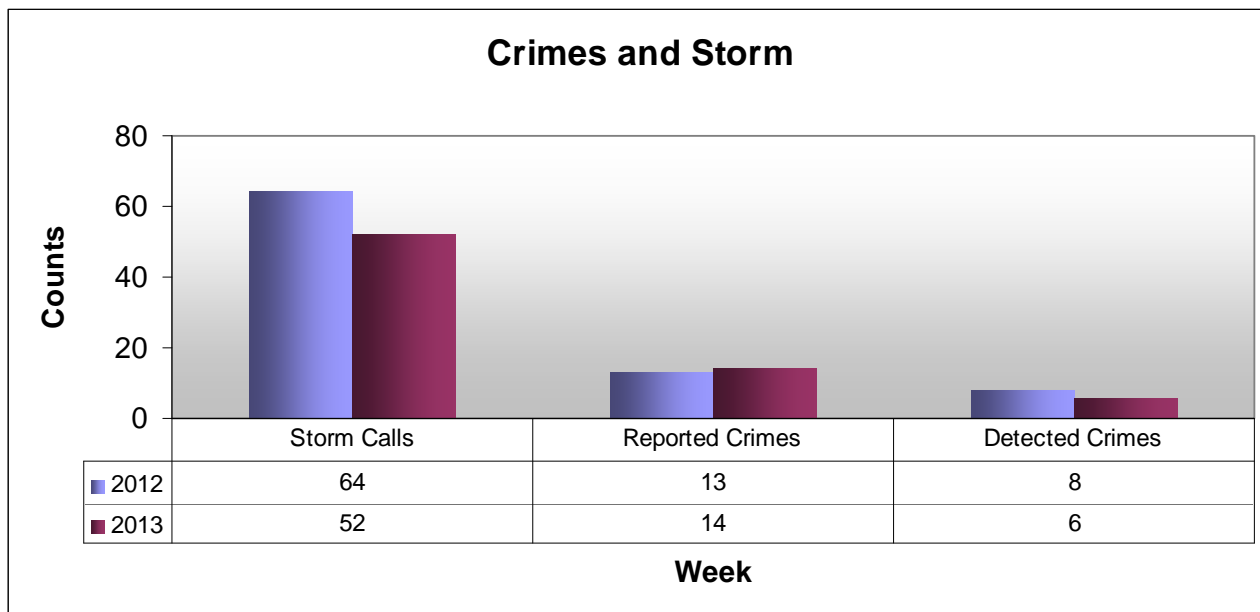


Chart 1: Yearly Change

	2012	2013	Change
Storm Calls	64	52	-19%
Reported Crimes	13	14	8%
Detected Crimes	8	6	-25%
Percentage Detected	62%	43%	

Table 3: Yearly Change Percentages

Road Traffic Incidences

The total of Road Traffic Incidences was **2** for the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area. For the same period last year there were a total of **7**.

There were 0 Speeding Offences tickets issued.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Related Incidences

For February there was one Accidental Primary Dwelling Fire, 2 False Alarm (not Malicious) and 1 Special Service.

Primary fires generally involve property and include buildings, caravans, motor vehicles and plant and machinery. Secondary fires are often minor and include the burning of rubbish, grass and derelict properties.

Community Warden Reports

There were 2 calls to the Community Wardens Service from Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area for the same period.

ASB Category	Total
Street drinking	1
Weapon-related incident	1
Grand Total	2

Campaigns and Initiatives in the area