

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.00pm
Wemyss Bay Primary School

Present: David Adams, Jean Anderson, Tracy Bunton, Paul Cassidy (Chair), Allison Clark (Secretary), Isobel Rennie (Treasurer), Gary Purdon, Jakki Purdon, Eileen Virtue.

In attendance: Cllr G Dorrian, Cllr I Nelson, Cllr. L Rebecchi, Police Officer Ali Burns, & 4 members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence: Ronnie Cowan MP, Duncan McNeil MSP, Stuart McMillan MSP, Sir Ludo Shaw Stewart

2.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3.0 Police Matters

Police: Ali Burns reported that 60 calls were received since the date of the last meeting. Mostly related to weather incidents. 8 crime reports: 5 of which have been detected: 3 Road traffic, 1 common assault, 1 intent to supply drugs. Undetected at this time: 1 theft of a trailer (North Lodge), 1 Taxi fraud, 1 theft of still saw(Inverkip).

Analyst reports can be found here:

<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/community-safety/community-safety-partnership-csp>

Warning to all householders : there have been a lot of thefts reported from sheds in the area, Greenock – Police advise checking that your sheds are secure.

Junior Road Safety Officer Scheme is operating at Inverkip Primary School and indications are it is popular and working well. Scheme is planned to be rolled out to further schools in the area.

4.0 Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 7 January 2016

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

Minutes proposed as accurate by Tracy Bunton and seconded by Allison Clark

5.0 Secretary's report and planning matters

Allison referred to various items of correspondence received including :
Inverclyde Council meeting notices and agendas – Grants sub-committee;

Planning Board 3 Feb ;

General Purposes Mtg 10 Feb;

Report of Chief Financial Officer – Budget update – final decisions delayed.

Policy & Resources Committee 2 Feb: Results of community survey included.

- Reference to Inverclyde Council committee reports

<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/meetings/>

Correspondance received from Stewart Milne Senior Engineer:

John McGill had replied to IWBCC invite to future meeting on behalf of Stewart Milne that representative unable to attend but asked for questions and would endeavour to reply to concerns before the meeting so they could be read out at meeting.

The concerns raised by residents included:

- 1 Blocked manholes/drains:
SM had engaged contractors to investigate blockages problems and they reported back that the main cause was discarded baby wipes/nappies. Letters have been issued to residents from their factor in December, advising that inappropriate items should not be flushed, in accordance with Scottish Water recommendations. Contractors have been out multiple times to resolve blockages funded by SM.
- 2 Traffic Calming measures:
SM met with MP, IC Roads Dept in December and agreed to upgrades to road markings, addition of "sharks teeth", bollards. Attendees at meeting confirmed these were all now in place.
- 3 Ardoch Drive: Tarmac. SM asked road users to drive appropriately, until the road / works on site are completed.
- 4 Drainage in gardens: SM works to complete additional drainage fixes outlook to be finished by end of March 2016
- 5 Play Area: there have been delays and changes to plans. 11/12/2015 planning consent was Issued. SM advise outlook that the playpark work should be completed May 2016.
- 6 Walkways: there are plans for bark, informal paths around the hilltop woodland area.
- 7 Completion date: SM outlook that all work at site will be completed by early October 2016.

Gary also advised the meeting, that in a personal email received from SM they advised additional site traffic calming measures would be complete by June 2016.

Clr Dorrian asked if residents Factor was involved – this was confirmed. Hacking & Patterson had emailed and sent letters to residents to confirm SM and Springfield were paying for drainage work.

Paul asked for person to take forward the info with Residents Association and publish on Facebook Page. Agreed Tracy will summarise info and forward to Jakki to post on residents Facebook Group. (Allison will forward all responses received from SM to Tracy)

Correspondance received from resident regarding Tennis Courts in Inverkip:

Very scruffy and overgrown appearance.

Allison contacted the land owners and they responded that they already have plans in progress for the site, and hope this will be actioned within 6-12 months.

Correspondance received from resident regarding dog waste at Harbourside:

Between the Chartroom path and beach there is no dog waste bin. Could this be requested?
Discussed and **Allison** will reply to correspondant.

Currently this needs to be addressed by Harbourside Residents Association to the developers. Inverclyde Council have not received any requests to adopt the roads on that estate yet, even though it appears the building work has been completed. Until the roads/paths are formally adopted, IC cannot legally install and manage waste bins etc.

6.0 Roads, Pavements and Lighting

Question raised about litter and rubbish on sliproads at A78 junction at Bruacre:

Resident had observed lorry driver discard his rubbish out of cab onto road/pavement.

Eileen will post notice for boards and website asking residents to help keep Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Tidy. Police advice, If anyone sees any littering to take note of licence plate number or name on lorry and report to 717171 Inverclyde Council, or 101 Police line.

Also discussed adding litter picking to possible Green Gym type project in the Spring.

7.0 Treasurers Report

Isobel reported the following:

Bank Balance at January 2016: £2605.01

(Balance at £1,371.26 plus IC Grant £1233.75)

8.0 AOCB

8.1 Sainsbury Notice Board

Allison has confirmed with Sainsbury that they have no objections to notice board near ATM.

Also has spoke to landowner/building owner who has no objection in principle but has asked for photo or indication of size being proposed

No planning permission should be required due to proposed size, but Cllr Rebecchi recommended copy him on emails to land owner and he will ask IC planning department to confirm .

8.2 Inverkip Community Centre Update:

Paul gave a brief update on progress on the Community Centre.

Leaflets with more info are currently being delivered to residents from the project committee , Inverkip Community Initiative. They have set up a website and more volunteers to help with running the centre once it is ready are being sought.

8.3 Fireman reductions:

Resident raised concern over proposals from Fire Service to reduce numbers of staff.

It was agreed to invite Fire Dept to come along to future meeting to discuss/ explain their plans further. **Allison** will contact Area Commander Kevin Hughes to invite.

8.4 Old Police Station , Inverkip:

It was noted that actions had been taken with owner to clear the rubbish and remove the skip.

8.5 Ardgowan Estate:

It was noted that they have a new updated website <http://www.ardgowan.co.uk/>

8.6 Flooding at gully, bottom of Spey Road , Brueacre Junction, Inverkip.

It was noted that Network Rail have been down clearing the gully over the winter and no major flooding recently. Councillors are awaiting further info from Ardgowan Estate on when agreed work upstream to reduce amount of debris flowing down into gully.

8.7 Cllr Rebecchi noted that a resident complaint to MSP Office regarding work on Main Road had been sent after remedial work had already been done (21 Dec completed). Scottish Power had already dealt efficiently with the problem, after previously highlighted to them and Inverclyde Council .

9.0 Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7pm in Inverkip Primary School

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:30

APPENDIX 1**IWBC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 7 th January 2016**

| ITEM | NEW ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 4.2.16 | RESPONSIBLE | UPDATE | STATUS at 24/2/2016 |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 5.0 | Reply to resident re concerns over Dog Waste bins, Harbourside, Inverkip | AC | Allison replied on IWBC behalf | completed |
| 5.0 | Reply to residents assocn with info received from Stewart Milne | TC/JP | Done. Link on IWBC website and Residents Assocn Facebook Page | completed |
| 5.0 | Email to Factors over residents concerns Ardgowan Rise | PB/AC | Email sent to Hacking & Patterson. | completed |
| 6.0 | Litter reminder for notice boards/website | EV | | |
| 8.3 | Inverclyde Fire Dept Invite to meeting | AC | Station Mgr Hughes confirmed he will attend next IWBC meeting | completed |
| | ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES | RESPONSIBLE | UPDATE | STATUS |
| | Invite Stewart Milne to February 2016 meeting regarding traffic calming measures, tree replanting and the development of the play park. All to email Allison with details of matters for discussion | AC/ All | No reply received at date of meeting. Cllr Rebecchi will check for S Milne boss contact name. Jakki will check in with Show home office. Alison will issue invites and let Ardgowan Residents Facebook Page know, Alison has received reply saying they will not be able to attend meeting but to send them residents concerns and they will try to get answers for sharing at the meeting. | Complete |
| | Spey Road - flooding | Cllr Rebecchi | Ardgowan Estate cooperating with Council and Scotrail. Still some tasks in upstream to be completed by Ardgowan Estates. | Complete |
| | Create notice drawing owners' attention to the appearance of Langhouse Avenue and offer the help of the community council to assist coordinating a factor. | TB | To be prepared by Spring 2016 | Ongoing |
| | Invite Street Life representative to the May meeting | TB | No response to email, so agreed to close at this time | Closed |
| 8.1 | Obtain permission to locate a notice board at Sainsburys | AC | In correspondence with property owner | In progress |
| | WB School Parking and pathway | Cllr Rebecchi / Davie | Cllr Rebecchi awaiting answer | In progress |
| | Station Ave – Inverhouse Gardens Factor | JA | Newton Property, Glasgow | Completed |
| | Signage – A78 sliproad to Hill Farm | Cllr Rebecchi / | Cllr Rebecchi passed | In progress |

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| | | TB | to IC Roads Dept for consideration | |
| | Advice from IC – re printing expenses/supplies | TB | Account as Stationery costs. Advised combine and then split to notice board keyholders to cover expenses. | Closed |
| | Noise concerns – Inverkip resident | AC | Alison has left phone messages.No email provided. | closed |
| | Facebook Page | PC / JA | Paul will setup. | In progress |
| | Website : editing and adding Chairperson Summary | PC / EV | Eileen confirmed her access to edit the website is now working. Paul will work on setting up a “blog”/summary. | In progress |
| | Bus route / Survey from D McNeil | PC | Paul to get update from MSP office | In progress |