

**INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
Minutes of Business Meeting
Held on Thursday 4th November 2004
In The Inverkip Hotel, Rogues Room.

Present: Cliff Lyons (treasurer), Innes Nelson (chair), Ron Potter (vice chair), Hugh Ritchie, Harold McPherson, Lynne Chambers & Lorraine Marshall (secretary).

Apologies: Paul Maloney & Cllr Forbes.

In Attendance: Julia McLellan & Isobel Hunter.

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

Police matters: No Report/update as no officer present

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 7th October 2004 were approved.

Matters Arising: Cliff Lyons had raised the matter of the roads/running water with Inverclyde Council and the various authorities. He had also gone to the press in this regard. Main areas for concern are:-

Bus stop opposite Langhouse Road corner, where water has been running since last March.
Entrance to the Church

Langhouse Road/Langhouse Avenue, water runs over the pavement causing it to be slippery. Slippery pavements have been reported before and actions taken. The pathway on Jacobs Ladder is also an area for concern in this regard.

Thanks were given to Cliff for his hard work & liaison in this regard.

Mrs Hunter raised the issue of the land gifted to the village at recreation park – How can this now be developed. Unless a deed or letter of this gift can be traced there is little that can be done. Mr Giovannacci has a lease for 125 years on this land from Ardgowan Estates.

Other matters arising from these minutes will have to wait until Cllr Forbes is present to give an update.

Constitution : This was signed and will be posted to B Purdie.

Secretary's Report: The majority of the mail received seems to come from the Community Council Forum and arrives duplicated or triplicate. We have no member with the time or inclination to devote to the forum and will write to advise that we can no longer be represented at this.

Historic Scotland have advised that Inverkip house will not be listed. It was built c.1850 and is not a particularly good example. If planning consent is granted then it will be demolished.

Lets for school halls/ halls – there is to be no charge for a let up until 9pm. There after overtime will be necessary for the caretaker and a fee will be charged.

Innes Nelson is looking into the Right of way at Hill Cottage and will write to Inverclyde Council to establish this as a right of way. This route comes from Hill Cottage to Lang hill farm and Mill House. It also branches off to the Daff reservoir water works. It was used by vehicles to get to the Saw Mill, which was relocated from field 6 adjoining Jacobs ladder.

Public Meeting: This will be held on Wed 17th November in Inverkip Primary School.

Ron Potter, Innes Nelson & Cliff Lyons are to organise a PA system for this event.

Attendees from Inverclyde Council will be Cllr Forbes, Cllr Fyfe and Cllr Blair.

Lorraine Marshall to request permission from Inverkip Primary school to place posters on the walls using blutak.

Lorraine Marshall will compile an Agenda for this meeting.

Ron Potter was thanked for his hard work in wading through the Mr Henderson's conclusions in response to the PLI Enquiry.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance £13.00

C Lyons met with the accounts dept. of Inverclyde council, the accounts have been submitted but due to staff illness there is no one available to audit these.

We require to purchase 2 wreaths for the Remembrance services at Wemyss Bay and Inverkip. Harold McPherson will lay the wreath for Wemyss Bay and Either Cliff Lyons or Innes Nelson will lay the wreath for Inverkip.

Newsletter/website/press matters: The newsletter was distributed very efficiently. Several emails had been received to the web site, 2 regarding the PLI. One was from Mark Muir who named Cliff Lyons within the text of the email. Cliff wished to take this matter further due to the nature of the content.

Planning Matters: Forbes Place Mast, Wemyss Bay. We reiterated the previous objection to Inverclyde Council regarding this. Lynne Chambers has received many telephone calls from Mrs Tinney regarding this subject. It was noted that the site on the hillside by the railway was turned down by Network rail on the grounds that if the mast fell it would be hazardous – what would happen if it was to fall on the site they prefer?

3 additional flats have been granted at The Meadows, Shore Road, Wemyss Bay.

Request permission for the following items:

15 Aberdour Place Inverkip, extension

plot 40 Teal Drive Inverkip, conservatory

31 Cullen Cres Inverkip, side & rear extension.

Manor Kingdom have been bought over. The new management and Inverclyde Council advise that Block 9 will share one satellite facility until the Mercat Cross is completed and then a communal dish will be implemented.

Those properties who already have dishes at ground level will be allowed to keep this arrangement. Properties where the dish is erected higher may have to have this moved in line with the regulations.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 2nd December 2004 at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

AOB: A dog was injured on the beach at the marina this is resultant of the campers/youths at the beach leaving litter. This has also caused problems with boats in the past.

Residents still have the feeling of unease especially as the nights are dark now crossing the footbridge to the marina since the last attack here.

Litter from Bongios Take Away: there is obvious evidence of increased litter as a direct result of this within the village. It is being monitored and will be taken further with the relevant authorities in due course. Many residents are already complaining to them about this.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.40pm.