

# **INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Business Meeting**

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.00pm**

### **Inverkip Primary School**

**1. Present:** Eileen Virtue (Chair), Jean Anderson (Secretary), David Adams, Cliff Lyons, Paul Cassidy, Robert McKenzie (Treasurer), Tracy Bunton (Minutes Secretary)

**In attendance:** Cllr. G. Dorrian, Cllr. L. Rebecchi; Mr T Shaw-Stewart, Ardgowan Estate Trustee; 8 members of the public;

**2. Apologies for absence:** Alison Clark, Isobel Rennie, Liz MacKenzie, David Faller (Inverclyde Radio)

### **3. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Eileen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **4. Police Matters**

#### 4.1 Police Report

Sgt Jonathan Hay attended and reported that during the last reporting period there were 12 reports of crime; 6 detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal. The majority were road traffic offences, shoplifting and thefts at the marina where there has been proactive monitoring.

#### 4.2 Kip Marina and Inverkip Beach

Sgt Hay reported that while there were fewer reports of incidents at Inverkip beach extra patrols including plain clothes officers have been in place.

A number of points were made by residents about the activities of intoxicated youths at the marina and in particular at the beach; concerns were made about officers' differing opinions about how to address incidents and interpretation and application of the law. Tracy asked for an update on coordinated efforts with British Transport Police. Sgt Hay agreed to liaise with BTP and explained the preventative work carried out locally such as targeting shops. He also urged residents to report all incidents and to make a return call if not satisfied with the response. He also suggested contacting the Community Wardens as well as contacting the Police (on tel. no. 101).

A discussion followed regarding land/ beach/ shore ownership. Mr Shaw-Stewart stated that the Ardgowan Estate is committed to working in partnership with the residents and it was agreed that a Marina resident will pursue the Kip Marina Residents' Association to find out their progress to organise a meeting. Eileen summarised that a concerted joint effort is needed to address the many matters raised by Mr Shaw-Stewart and residents in attendance at the meeting and confirmed IWBC would support this.

#### 4.3 Inverkip Bus Service

A resident questioned the absence of a bus stop on the A78 at the marina. It was explained that Transport Scotland would not permit a bus stop on the basis of the road being a 70mph zone. A discussion followed about the lack of provision at Hill Farm. Cllr Dorrian informed that McGills response to his enquiry approx 12 months ago was that there was insufficient uptake to their previous trial. It was noted that the trial took place a number of years ago and since then the number of households has trebled. Cliff recalled that the route was not attractive to other passengers and that considerable funding is needed for a bus pull-in.

**Action:** Eileen to liaise with the Councillors about the provision of bus service in Hill Farm.

#### 4.4 Cycle Track

**Action:** Cycle track at Kelly Burn to be carried forward to October 2014 meeting.

## 5.0 Community Learning and Development – Community Councillor Training

Eileen welcomed Siobhan McCready, Inverclyde Council, Community Learning & Development to the meeting. Siobhan explained the range of training available to Community Councillors including community engagement; relations with council officials and elected members; roles and responsibilities of a CC. Eileen informed that IWBCB had highlighted the need for Planning and Finance training. Siobhan asked all IWBCB Community Councillors to refer to the recently circulated CC Handbook.

**Action:** Siobhan to send Training Needs Analysis to Tracy

## 6. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Matters Arising

Progress on activities is summarised and updated in Appendix 1.

**Minutes proposed as accurate by Cliff Lyons and seconded by Eileen Virtue**

## 7.0 Secretary Report and Correspondence

Jean informed receipt of the following:

- Notification of Decriminalised Parking Restrictions – Greenock town centre
- Wemyss Bay taxi licences remain the same and consideration is being given to the provision of a rank in Inverkip
- Request from an officer from Safer and Inclusive Communities to attend the October meeting was accepted
- Email from a Langhouse Road resident regarding works at the top of Langhouse Road
- Letter from Care and Repair Service – details to be added to the IWBCB website
- Letter from Archaeological Group regarding condition of overgrown area of the Roman Road off Millhouse Road.

Notification was received from Cllr Dorrian informing the release of the bond has been approved to start works to complete the road and pavement at the top of Langhouse road. It was acknowledged that this was a considerable achievement of IWBCB.

**Action:** Jean to reply to Archaeological Society offering the help of the Green Gym volunteers and asking if they would be willing to help

## 8.0 Planning Matters

**Hill Farm – Stewart Milne Group:** Application to alter planning permission from 5 to 33 properties was approved by the Planning Committee. It was noted that all 3 ward Councillors objected to the plan

**PNE - Cowal Wind Farm:** A resident raised a concern about IWBCB inaction regarding the proposed development and the visual impact and tourism. Eileen and Jean recounted the sequence of events confirming that every effort was made to engage and unfortunately the Cowal group did not stay in touch. Tracy confirmed that a formal application for planning permission had not as yet been made. It was agreed that IWBCB would monitor the Argyll & Bute planning applications.

**Action:** IWBCB to monitor Argyll & Bute planning applications.

## 9.0 Treasurer's Report

Robert provided a report for the meeting:

- Bank account balance: £1870.65 (expenses paid: £35.86 internet provider; £214 Green Gym)
- Final accounts submitted to Inverclyde Council
- Wreaths have been ordered by Dr Foster

## 10.0 Date and time of next meeting:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 in Wemyss Bay Primary School at 7:00pm**

## **11 AOCB**

### 11.1 Inverclyde Community Council Forum

Paul expressed an interest in Cllr Rebecchi's invitation to represent IWBCB on the Inverclyde Community Council Forum.

### 11.2 Kip Village Residents' Association

Thanks were expressed for IWBCB's support. The KVRA committee plan to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to convene a public meeting. Eileen offered space on the IWBCB website in response to residents' disappointment about the absence of the Residents' Association's internet presence. Mr Shaw-Stewart informed the estate plan to launch a 'Friends of Ardgowan Estate' group early in 2015. Eileen offered to host a page or link to their website.

### 11.3 Road Re-surfacing

Robert raised concerns about Station Road and Finnockbog Road being closed without notice when the resurfacing work was carried out.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:25 pm

## APPENDIX 1

**IWBC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 5 JUNE 2014**

ITEM	NEW ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 4.9.14	RESPONSIBLE		STATUS
4.3	Liaise with the Councillors about the provision of bus service in Hill Farm	EV		
5.0	Training Needs Analysis: Tracy to obtain from CLD and circulate	TB		Complete
7.0	Reply to Archaeological Society offering the help of the Green Gym volunteers and asking if they would be willing to help	JA		
8.0	Monitor Argyll & Bute planning applications: PNE - Cowal Wind Farm	All		
	<b>ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE	STATUS
	Email Ardgowan Estate asking for cooperation to prevent flooding at Brueacre Junction/ Spey Road	TB	TB to obtain update from Network Rail and Savills (ref: 3957940).	Monitor and update the residents' assoc.
	Email Inverclyde Leisure to request a fee waiver form and instructions to use new online booking system	JA		Complete
	Email secretary of residents association and Stuart Jamieson, Head of Regeneration. & Planning about proposal to provide access to Finnockbog Road from Hill Farm playpark	EV	Eileen's email has been passed for the attention of the Planning Team	Ongoing
	CC Members training requests	TB	IC Officer in attendance at meeting 4.9.14	Complete
	Cullen Crescent notice board - opinion to be requested through the residents association	IR	Isobel to try phoning Stewart Milne requesting permission to locate noticeboard at Cullen Crescent .	Ongoing
	David will obtain quotes for notice-boards. (David will construct metal frames)	DA	DA to obtain quote from Jim Bristow, The Trust	Ongoing
	Wemyss Bay Display Advertising	Alison	No response from T Bryce	Complete
	Find out Dr Campbell's availability to speak at public meeting in September. Contact Scottish Renewables& Save Clyde Muirsheill Park	EV/ CL		Ongoing
	Cllr Rebecchi to enquire about available options to improve the appearance of the former police station at Main Street, Inverkip	Cllr Rebecchi	Safer and Inclusive Communities carry out a site visit/ inspection – awaiting outcome	Complete
	Eileen to contact the Scouts to arrange further conservation days at Daff Glen	EV	Dates requested from Scout leader	Complete
	Establish the status/ reinstatement of fencing at Millhouse Road/ Swallow Brae	Cllr Nelson		Ongoing
	Establish the condition of the repair to the pavement outside Inverkip Church	Cllr Nelson		Ongoing
	Request survey of the steps linking Community centre with the Bus Stop	Cllr Nelson	The Councils Roads Department asked to look into this.	Complete
	Request survey of Lomond Road/	Cllr Nelson		Ongoing

	Ardgowan Road – condition of pavement			
	Jean to reply to the church informing IWBCC has no plans for the Queens Baton Relay and will support their activities.	JA		Complete
	Cllr Nelson to circulate information about the plans for the Queen’s Baton visit through Wemyss Bay	Cllr Nelson		Complete
	Email Bill on behalf of IWBCC requesting a press release about the progress of ICI	EV	Email sent 4.9.14	Complete