

INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting Held on Thursday 5th August 2004 In the Inverkip Hotel

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

Apologies: Paul Maloney, Cllr Forbes.

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

Police matters: As there are currently no community officers for this area there were no details.

There seems to have been an increase in the number of youth disturbances and vandalisms. This could be as a direct result of having no community officers and the lack of policing within the village.

Areas of concern include Finnockbog road street lights vandalised, Station Ave vandalism, Everton Scout Camp fires/arson, Glen Crescent area House breaking, increased camping on beach causing disturbance at Marina.

Lorraine Marshall is to write to the local Police advising that the current policing level and the increases in trouble show a direct link. No police presence at the meetings is not satisfactory and there are time delays in calls being responded to.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 1st July 2004 were approved.

Matters Arising: FOOTBALL PITCH : Cllr Forbes hoped to have this cut by 21/8 when the church fete is due to take place. Access is still the main problem here.

KIPLODGE DEVELOPMENT: Rico is delayed yet again this time the delay may be caused by Scottish Water.

BUS STOP ON A78: the pull in for a bus stopping here would cost in the region of £180,000. Mr Hopkins at Inverclyde Council advises that this is not an official stop but busses are still stopping there.

Would it be possible for busses to recommence the stop at the Power station bridge where there is a pull in and steps down to the road level. This was operational when the power station was in use. Cliff Lyons to look into.

An elderly lady has broken her leg in alighting from a bus on the A78 where she stepped into long wet grass.

The bus company reasoning for busses not coming through the village is that the roadway is narrowed due to parked vehicles and this has caused damage to the busses.

It would be far safer if the 40mph inclusion zone could be extended to incorporate the length of Inverkip from Wemyss Bay. The additional distance would make little difference to journey times on the Largs to Greenock stretch of the A78. Would this be possible – Cllr Forbes to check out.

Exiting the village by the north exit is easier now with the changes made to the road.

Topic for Public Meeting – busses.

NOTICEBOARD – This had been painted and the glazing replaced. It was a good job and much improved the board. A notice is to be placed advising that this is Inverkip & Wemyss Bay Community Council Notice Board.

The September meeting had been planned to be held in Wemyss Bay Primary School but due to problems with lets this would not have been free. It has been decided to hold the September meeting as usual in Inverkip and reschedule this to October.

SATTELITE DISHES – Manor Kingdom/Kip Village. There was little update on this issue as Fraser Williamson is on holiday and will not be back until the August planning meeting. When the residents get a Resident Association up and running it is hoped that they will be able to sort out antisocial behaviour and ignorance of missives.

RIGHT OF WAY – Hill Cottage. The alternate route here is not passable as it is too overgrown. Cllr Forbes to clear this up with either Clyde Muirshiel or to request that Inverclyde Council take this to the Sheriff Court to enforce the Right of Way.

Secretary's Report: Lorraine Marshall had dealt with much correspondence. Green light are to be assisted in the recycling program. New recycling and refuse collections will be implemented in March 2005.
IRH - letters will be available in libraries and shops to Malcolm Chisholm. These are objection letters and each letter sent should receive a reply. If the demand for replied can be high then it may be likely that the Scottish Executive will change this decision.

Treasurer's Report: Chequebook received from Bank of Scotland. (At Long Last)
Cliff Lyons advised that the report is prepared and will be submitted at the end of this week. The expected grant is £1230.
We are to set a budget at the next meeting.
The remaining balance is in the region of £65 after the Notice board bill is submitted.

Newsletter/website/press matters: The Youth Group run by Douglas Creighton has intimated that they would be interested in delivering the Newsletter. This has been arranged. The next issue should be ready for delivery for the first week in October when the PLI results will be available.

Planning Matters:

- Conservatory – Castle Wemyss Drive Wemyss Bay
- Air Conditioning Unit – Mearns Mc Caskie Butchers Wemyss Bay
- 3 Additional Flats – The Meadows Shore Road Wemyss Bay
- Illuminated Sign – Kip Park Inverkip
- Replacement Windows – 2 Point Place Inverkip
- 2 Storey side extension – 51 Lomond Road Wemyss Bay
- New entrance atrium – Wemyss Bay Hotel

Bongios late licence Lynne Chambers to take this up again with Cllr Forbes.

Constitution: This is ready to be typed up.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 2 September 2004 at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.
7 October 2004 at 7.30pm in Wemyss Bay primary school.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.05pm.