

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Thursday 5th December 2013 at 7.00pm

Inverkip Primary School

Present: David Adams, Jean Anderson (Secretary), Tracy Bunton (Minutes Secretary) Paul Cassidy, Alison Clark, Cliff Lyons, Robert McKenzie (Treasurer), Isobel Rennie, Eileen Virtue (Chair),

2. Apologies for absence: Liz MacKenzie

In attendance: Cllr. L. Rebecchi; Cllr. I. Nelson; Cllr G Dorrian; Bob Shepherd (Area Commander) Sgt Eric Smith; David Carnduff of Largs and Millport Weekly News and two members of the public.

3. Police Matters

Area Commander Bob Shepherd spoke about the proposed closure of Port Glasgow and Gourock police offices to reduce spending in Inverclyde as part of a national budget reduction. Both offices currently open from 9am until 5pm. Careful consideration has been given to reduce expenditure and limit impact. A survey was carried out a few years ago and on average 4 people used each office on each of the 13 days of the monitoring period many of whom used the office to ask for directions. He stressed that there has never been a victim of serious crime report directly to either office. He expressed concerns about the need to allocate officers to cover the annual leave of the civilian staff based in the offices and sees the proposals allowing him to deploy officers in other areas. Given the shift in the way the public access police services (by phone, internet, social media) it is considered that the closure of the offices will have minimal impact. He confirmed that Greenock office will continue to open 24 hours a day.

Commander Shepherd explained partnership working with proposals to share community premises with Inverclyde Council and River Clyde Homes. He spoke about 3rd party reporting protocols; the relationship with community wardens and the considerable advantage Inverclyde has with a high number of special officers to provide support.

Isobel suggested that the elderly population may have concerns however Commander Shepherd confirmed that street presence will continue.

Sgt. Smith provided a summary of incidents since 5 November 2013, attached as Appendix 1. Commander Shepherd concluded the report by saying he is keen to tailor his resources to meet the needs of the community and recognises the winter/ summer differences in Inverkip & Wemyss Bay.

In response to a question about problematic parking in the vicinity of Wemyss Bay Primary School Commander Shepherd confirmed officers will continue to patrol and Cllr Rebecchi spoke about road markings.

Eileen thanked the officers for their attendance and expressed condolences on behalf of the community council in relation to the recent tragic loss of colleagues in the Clutha Bar helicopter incident.

4. CHCP – Winter Planning

CHCP to be invited to a future meeting

Action: Paul to invite CHCP to future meeting of IWBC

5. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2013 - Matters Arising

None – progress on activities updated in Appendix 2

Minutes proposed as accurate by Jean Anderson and seconded by Alison Clark.

6.0 Pavements and Roads

6.1 Street lighting: all were reminded to call Inverclyde Council (717171) with faults with a note of the lamp-post number.

6.2 Under pass at Brueacre junction Power Station site.

Concerns were raised about the increase in volume of traffic and absence of lighting and absence of 'no entry' signage.

Action: Cllr Rebecchi to confirm that lighting has never been in place

Action: Alison to follow up lighting at Brueacre junction with Transco

6.3 Wemyss Bay: Speeding on Ardgowan Road

Cllr Rebecchi suggested David take a note of offenders' registration numbers and pass on to Police.

Action: David to take a note of speeding offenders' registration numbers and pass on to Police.

6.4 Langhouse Mews

Cllr Dorrian reported that a response is expected from the bond holders to the estimates for roads and lighting passed to them by legal services.

Following an email from Liz about her concerns and those of neighbours about the potential dangers posed by dead trees lining Langhouse Road, Cllr Dorrian explained that the council is reluctant to get involved. He stated they are the responsibility of the land owners and suggested that residents seek independent legal advice.

6.5 Western entrance to Inverkip - Signage

Action: Robert to contact Tranco to discuss signage required.

6.6 Storm Damage

Cllr Dorrian reported that the Roads team are prioritising storm damage and flood prevention.

6.7 Flooding at Wemyss Bay Community Centre

Cllr Dorrian reported after the meeting that Property services will investigate

7.0 Secretary Report and Correspondence

Jean provided the following report:

- Inverclyde Antisocial Behaviour Report /consultation – replies required by 13 Dec. All to submit comments by email to Jean who will coordinate a reply.

Action: All to email Jean with responses to Inverclyde Antisocial Behaviour Report /consultation

- Invitation to attend meetings in Colintrave regarding Bachan Burn wind farm. All agreed at this time correspondence by email will be sufficient.

8.0 Planning Matters

No applications since the date of the last meeting presented for consideration.

9.0 Treasurer's Report

Robert provided the following report :

- Bank account balance is £2187.18 (estimate – to be confirmed) with £250.00 to be deducted for the Christmas entertainer .

10.0 Inverkip Community Initiative

The SCIO status in place and a grant has been received. Management group continues consultations with schools and a workshop with the scouts to seek opinions on the new facility. Work groups have been established; Cliff commented this was the most constructive meeting to date. Application seeking planning permission to alter the internal layout is to be made. SEPA checks are ongoing..

11.0 Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 9 January 2014 at 7pm in Inverkip Primary School.

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12.1 Inverclyde Radio

Action: Paul will contact Inverclyde Radio to arrange a date to record an interview.

12.2 Green Gym – Wemyss Bay

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Action: David will contact those responsible for land in Wemyss Bay that may be suitable for the Green Gym to gauge interest

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm

Police and Community Meeting Report

The purpose of this report is to record feedback from members of the community, which will assist in identifying current and future priorities for the local area.

<p>Organisation - Wemyss Bay and Inverkip Community Council</p> <p>Venue - Inverkip Primary School</p> <p>Ward 6</p>
<p>Date / Time of Meeting - Thu 06/12/13</p>
<p>Officer(s) attending - Ch Insp Kennedy / Sgt Eric Smith</p>
<p>Elected Members / Individuals Attending (including number of persons present) – Councillors Dorrian, Nelson and Rebecchi</p>
<p>Period Covered 05/11/13 to 05/12/13</p> <p><u>Incident Statistics Provided</u></p> <p>There were 48 reported incidents (STORM) for this period. Of these incidents there was two road crashes in the area. One vehicle struck a lamp post near to Bankfoot Roundabout causing minor injuries to the driver. Another vehicle left the road of the A78 between Inverkip and Wemyss Bay due to excess surface water on the road, the driver was not injured. Most of the other incidents reported were of a minor nature other than the crimes/offences as follows.</p> <p>Crimes/Offences</p> <p>There were 8 crimes or offences for both village areas with 5 of these being detected. 2 minor road traffic offences reported. Male arrested for breach of the peace Main St, Inverkip Two reports of theft (Lead from building site / Diesel from Kip Marina. Male arrested for assault (domestic) Wemyss Bay Male reported for possession of cannabis. And a report of Tyres vandalised in Wemyss Bay.</p> <p><u>Community Issues Raised</u></p> <p>There was some discussion regarding road safety involving parking at schools. The meeting was informed that some enforcement had taken place and parents of children had been sent letters from Police Scotland with advice in this respect. There was mention of a delivery vehicle parking on the pavement on Main St, Inverkip at times of the school day ending, this will be monitored.</p>
<p>Area Inspector's Comments -</p>

Renfrewshire & Inverclyde Division Policing Priorities 2013/2014

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assault and Violent Crime • Drug Use and Dealing • Drunk or Disorderly Behaviour • Housebreaking and Other Theft 	
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APPENDIX 2**IWBCC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 5 December 2013**

ITEM	NEW ACTION FROM MINUTES 7.11.13	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
6.2	Cllr Rebecchi to confirm that lighting at Brueacre has never been in place	Cll Rebecchi	Complete
6.2	Alison to follow up lighting request at Brueacre junction with Transco	AC	In progress
6.3	David to take a note of speeding offenders' registration numbers and pass on to Police	DA	
6.5	Robert to contact Tranco to discuss signage required at western entrance to Inverkip	RMcK	
7.0	All to email Jean with responses to Inverclyde Antisocial Behaviour Report /consultation	All	
12.1	Paul will contact Inverclyde Radio to arrange a date to record an interview.	PC	
12.2	David will contact those responsible for land in Wemyss Bay that may be suitable for the Green Gym to gauge interest	DA	
	ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
	Bank Signatories	RMc	Complete
	Overhanging veg. at Sainsbury junction	Cllr Rebecchi	Complete
	CC Members training requests	All	Complete – (finance and planning)
	Community Health Partnership – attend meeting	PC	Ongoing
	Green Gym (24.11.13 and next 10.12.13)	EV	Ongoing
	Find out if the Forestry Commission will work with Inverkip Primary	DA	Ongoing
	Notice board dimensions to be emailed to all 3 councillors	EV	In progress
	3 councillors to find out if planning permission is needed for notice boards when dimensions are known	Cllrs Dorrian, Nelson, Rebecchi	
	Cullen Crescent notice board - opinion to be requested through the residents association	EV	EV Spoke to resident association chair. He does not see any objection. But no formal reply received yet.
	Langhouse Road noticeboard –Cllr Dorrian confirm land is owned by Inverclyde Council	EV/ JA	Complete
	Wind Turbines/ Renewable Energy sources meeting – Cliff to discuss with Dr Campbell and Eileen to contact Save Muirsheill Park	CL/ EV	Ongoing
	Cllr Dorrian informs that Cliff is to write to Inverclyde Council asking permission to locate bench on Main Street	Cllr Dorrian	Complete