

INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

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

Apologies: Cllr Forbes

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

Police matters: No report as there was no representative or figures. Lorraine Marshall will email P Renfrew for the figures and an update for the Spring 2004 Newsletter.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 8th January 2004 were approved.

Matters Arising: No matters arising.

Secretary's Report: Lorraine Marshall advised that this had been a very busy month for correspondences.

F Williamson Planning has advised that a time/date line scheduling events for the Local Plan PLI will be with us in 2-3 weeks.

Cllr I McKenzie advised that he would highlight the plight of the greenbelt and re-raise this issue at Council.

Lorraine Marshall to contact Elspeth Attwooll, our European Member of Parliament regarding the greenbelt release.

Inverclyde Community Forums without representation at this we may be left out on a limb as the council in future might wish only to deal with Community Councils through this body. It is therefore important that we are represented. Lorraine Marshall & Ron Potter to put their names forward.

Various other publications and meeting requests for attendance.

Treasurer's Report: The cheque for £400 had been received and banked.

As outstanding cheques were still to clear from the previous accounts, the accounts will be delayed for this to take place before they are submitted to Inverclyde Council after February 14th.

There may have been a short fall in funds and a full statement is being prepared, should this be the case Inverclyde Council will be forthcoming with the deficit.

Newsletter/website/press matters: The next newsletter is due out at the beginning of March. The date for articles to be in for this is 15 Feb.

An irate email had been received regarding the school traffic congestion at peak periods.

Lorraine Marshall replied advising that these issues had previously been looked into and we would be happy to highlight them again to both the local traffic police and in the newsletter but there has been no further comment from the emailer.

Cliff Lyons is to see if it would be viable to use a colour centre fold of the before and after Green Belt release pictures in the forthcoming issue.

Planning Matters:

No current Planning Matters of urgency.

Constitution: Prior to forming a new constitution we wish to see the previous ones for Inverkip & Wemyss Bay. Lorraine Marshall requested these from Brian Purdie, but he is not hopeful of finding them for us in the Council Archives. He reiterated that we should use the model constitution as suggested.

Further discussion on this will take place at our next meeting.

Wemyss Bay: Wemyss Bay station is a mess with rust, leaks resultant from a very poor quality paint job. As this is an award winning national monument this is unacceptable. Cllr Forbes to see if this can be rectified.

Many mature trees have been felled at the A78 opposite the new flats between the railway underpass and the BP garage. Was permission required and on what grounds were these trees felled? Are replacements to be planted? Cllr Forbes to investigate.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 04th March 2004 at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

Other Business: The Local plan PLI was discussed at length. Works are underway for our presentation.

Funding request has been made to Inverclyde Council for proper representation of a similar ilk to their own requirements.

It was agreed that Innes Nelson & Ron Potter would both speak for the Community Council giving a balanced view point.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.