

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 05 February 2009 in the Inverkip Hotel at 7.30pm

Present: Innes Nelson; Hugh Ritchie; Ron Potter; Brian McArthur; Liz Roders .

1. The chairman welcomed all in attendance to the meeting
2. **Apologies:** Lynne Chambers, Harold McPherson
3. Presentation by Turley Associates on Inverkip Power Station. Scottish Power was also represented. They indicated that staffing changes had led to delays in getting updates to the community council.
 - History of site before and now
 - Brief summary of engagement with IWBC and Inverclyde Council.
 - Plan to maintain open spaces and use present contours to create features.
 - Woodland on 3 sides
 - No plans to return shore to pre power station condition.
 - Link Inverkip & Wemyss Bay VIA shore pathway
 - Bus routes proposed, but Innes Nelson pointed out difficulty in getting buses to amend routes
 - Timetable constraints
 - Current links with trains and ferries

Ron Potter raised question of road width and parking causing blockages.

Elaine (Turley Associates) presented 'lessons learned' list of good and bad design for developments. Also the CC was advised that schedule for the demolition of the Power Station had slipped for various reasons...staff changes etc. They are currently finalising plan submission to IDC.

Brian McArthur asked what ratio of types of buildings were in the submission, and Turley Associates advised of 70-80 % family housing.

Innes Nelson advised the meeting that the trees in the power station are of commercial grade, not natural woodland. Turley Associates were not aware of this and said they would look into this new information.

Ron Potter raised the concern over A78 traffic density, Turley Associates said that Traffic Engineers had raised no issues. IWBCB disagreed with this, pointing out the severe delays already experienced into Greenock at morning rush.

Next meeting with Turley Associates date TBD.

4. Police matters.

December 2008

25 reported crimes, 44% detected Dec 07

January 2009

21 reported crimes, 54% detected, Jan 08

Hardcopy of details provided by Community Police

5. There followed a discussion on the minutes of 18th December 2008 meeting minutes.

Innes proposed, Hugh seconded

6. Secretary's report and correspondence. All correspondence presented and kept on file.

7. Treasurer's report. Community Council account balance £273.74.

8. Planning matters

Retrospective planning rejected for rear garden decking.

9. Next meeting Thursday 5th March 2009

10.AOB

- Contribution to Wemyss Bay Station. Will revisit at next CC meeting.
- Flooding Main St Inverkip. Ron updated CC with information that Stuart McMillan MSP has raised this issue with Scottish Water. He has a surgery on 06 Feb at 1300.
- Windfarms. IWBC has joined Ladymoor Windfarm Action Group.