

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting held on the 5th of October 2006

Inverkip Hotel 7.30pm

Present: Innes Nelson (chairman); Ron Potter (vice chairman and treasurer); Paul Maloney; Brian McArthur; Hugh Ritchie,

Apologies: Harold McPherson; Lynne Chambers (secretary); PC Jane Perratt

In attendance: Cllr. Eric Forbes; Inspector Charlie Paul; Jim McIntosh; W. MacFarlane; G. Scott; N. Cupples; Fran McIntosh; Jean Anderson; Alison Nugent; Andy Lynch; Angela and James Neil; Cliff Lyons.

3. Police Matters: Inspector Paul produced statistics for the period July to September; these showed an increase in crimes, which in his opinion was seasonal.

He informed the meeting that local byelaws require police officers to see people drinking in public before they can take action. He suggested that the Community Council endeavor to obtain change to the local byelaws in this regard.

Jim McIntosh asked if the visible presence of the police could be increased. Inspector Paul said he had a team of 10 officers, two of which (Jane Perratt and Willie Gray) would be dealing with our area; he would however endeavor to use as many officers when required to do so.

A police/public consultation meeting to be held in the Inverkip School Hall on Thursday 23rd November. This is an annual event, which allows the public to relay their concerns and views to the police. Request for Innes Nelson to Chair that meeting. Innes Agreed.

4. Minutes of the Business Meeting held on the 7th of September 2006 –

Ron Potter stated that there was an error in the methodology in co-opting Brian McArthur. This now regularized.

After consideration, the minutes were approved.

Matters Arising.

Water and Sewerage: As yet no letter has been sent to SEPA.

Approach to Bankfoot roundabout: Cllr. Forbes is still awaiting feedback.

5. Secretary's report and correspondence:

Letter from Mr. D. Cannon expressing his views and concerns as to location of a new community center.

Card from Andy Lynch on behalf of I.C.E. also Email to Ron Potter.

Copy of minute from Inverclyde Community Council Forum's meeting on 14th August.

Notice of a Planning for People Workshop on 4th November from Planning-Aid- Scotland.

Newsletter from Inverclyde Community Care Forum.

Report from Inverclyde Council Waste Strategy Sub-Committee.

Report from Inverclyde Council Policy & Strategy Committee.

6. Treasurer's Report: Ron Potter reported that:

- a) He had received the 2005/6 audited report back from Inverclyde Council.
- b) The current balance as at 30th September was £764.81.
- c) In terms of the letter accompanying the audited report, he tabled a proposed budgetary report for expenditure totaling £1912 to year ending 31st March 2007. This was unanimously approved
- d) He attended an Audit meeting at Inverclyde Council and gave a report to the meeting.

7. Community Council Windfarm Policy:

Innes stated that as there were so many applications for windfarms recently, it would be prudent for the Community Council to issue a policy statement on windfarm developments. A draft proposal was handed out to the meeting. Cllr. Forbes asked if this would be distributed to all residents. Ron Potter said that this was a Community Council document and distribution to all residents was not necessary. However copies would be made available as requested. Acceptance of the policy was proposed by Hugh Ritchie and seconded by Ron Potter. Innes invited comments from the floor and it was agreed that the proposal would be posted on the web site.

8. Inverkip – A78 Access Study:

Innes stated that the results of the study, carried out in Spring 2006, by Amey had now been received. The conclusion of the report was that further monitoring should take place. Cliff Lyons stated that the turn in lane from Greenock was too narrow. There was general agreement with this view. Cllr. Forbes recognised our concerns and suggested we should contact Transport Scotland.

9. Procedural Review:

Ron Potter stated that in the past some Community Council meetings had been too long winded with unacceptable time being taken and as a result new procedures were required to bring the meetings to a more business like format. In future the secretary would furnish members with all necessary information prior to the business meeting. Copies of the adopted minutes would be made available to the public. He further stated that any matters of concerns/views should be forwarded to the secretary no later than one week before the next business meeting; it was very important for residents to have their say but meetings needed to be run more efficiently. Any additional matters raised under AOCB could be tabled and answered at the next Community Council Meeting. Urgent matters arising may be dealt with at the discretion of the chairperson.

It was agreed that the Business Meeting agenda would be published on the website when it is up and running. The agenda would also be posted on the notice boards in both Inverkip and Wemyss Bay.

10. Planning Matters:

- Inverkip – 120 Harbourside – erection of conservatory at rear of the dwelling house
- Inverkip – 2 Sandend Place – Formation of roof terrace
- Wemyss Bay – 60 Lomond Road – erection of a single story extension

James and Angela Neil expressed their grave concern at proposals to construct apartments on the shore road in Wemyss Bay. Cllr. Forbes assured the meeting that planning applications will follow normal planning procedures and that no one should pre-empt the decision making process. He was fully aware of the objections.

Innes asked Mr. Neil to send his detailed objections to the community council.

10. Community Facilities: Innes Nelson announced that the consultative survey had produced a good response and information will be produced for the next meeting.

Innes and Andy Lynch (interim chairman of I.C.E) hope to have a meeting soon.

11. Date and Time of next meeting: (Thursday 2nd of November 2006 at 7.30pm)

12. Any other business:

G Scott asked if any further information had been forthcoming on the Wemyss Bay parking situation. No information received.

Cllr. Forbes stated that unless there are changes to the legislation there will be no parking permits issued.

Fran McIntosh informed the meeting that Kyle residents intend to install signage as parking rights, which are issued on a goodwill basis, are being abused.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm.