

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Business
Meeting held on Thursday 6th of December 2012 at Wemyss Bay
Primary School at 7pm

Present: Hugh Ritchie; Ron Potter; David Adams; Jean Anderson, Telfer Ramage and Tracy Bunton

2. Apologies for absence: Eileen Virtue, Insp. Alastair Wood

In attendance: Cllr Ciano Rebecchi, Cllr Innes Nelson, Cllr Gerry Dorrian; Sgt Robin Gardiner; Alastair McIntyre, Sheilhill Farm; four members of the public

3. Sheilhill Farm

Alastair McIntyre gave an account of the impact of recent years increased rainfall restricting the ability to keep livestock and the impact on his livelihood and that of neighbouring farmers. He explained the need to diversify and by utilising the Scottish Government's support for green energy capture, his plans to install a wind turbine to supply his domestic and business needs with surplus supplying the national grid. Mr McIntyre stated he has support from Clyde Muirshiel Park. Mr McIntyre indicated that he would consider further wind turbines to supplement the farm income. IWBC has already submitted an objection to the planning application and although greatest sympathy was expressed now that more information had been shared, the IWBC wind turbine stance was explained. The planning application will be passed for decision by IC Planning Committee.

4. Police Matters

4.1 Police Report

Sgt. Gardiner provided a report for the period 3 October – 26 November 2012 informing a significant reduction in crime levels than the same time last year. The report is attached as Appendix 1.

4.2 Road Traffic Speed – Spey Road, Inverkip and Ardgowan Road, Wemyss Bay

Speed detection equipment was put in place as agreed at the last meeting, reporting average speed within tolerance.

4.3 School Parking

Sgt. Gardiner confirmed that parking on Zig Zags is a bookable offence and will be monitored by Community Police.

4.4 Road Traffic Accident – A78 – November 2012

ACTION: Tracy to request details of accident at Sainsbury's junction from Insp. Wood.

5. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 1st November 2012

Matters Arising

3.2 Bus Stop, Main Street, Inverkip has been moved in consultation with resident. Hugh thanked Cllr. Dorrian for email.

5.3 IWBC Email and Website

ACTION: Eileen to make contact with Harold McPherson to access the IWBC website with a view to taking over as webmaster. Hugh will try to reach Harold. Ongoing

5.7 Future Meetings - Tracy booked school lets for meetings January 2013 – June 2013. Dates have been circulated and will be published on the Inverkip notice board. (It was agreed to move January's meeting to Tuesday 8th January 2013).

5.9 Community Council Records – Retention Period

Tracy reported that Inverclyde Council advice is that the Scheme of Administration of Community Councils does not dictate any document retention policy and it is a decision for Community Councils to take. It was agreed that documents should be retained digitally (and backed up) for 2 years unless considered to be of significance for future planning matters etc.

ACTION: Archived documentation currently held by Mr & Mrs Roders will be sifted by an experienced community councillor with the newly appointed secretary.

Minutes proposed as accurate by Ron Potter and seconded by Telfer Ramage.

6.1 Secretary Report, Correspondence and Resignation

Hugh provided the following report:

- Email received from IC, to be circulated by Hugh offering training for Community Councillors. It was agreed that all will consider training offered and respond.
- Email from Clyde Muirshiel Park explaining approval of proposed site of wind turbine at Sheilhill:
 - No significant impact on species or habitat
 - Social and economic benefits to the economy
 - Does not break skyline
- Wind Turbine – Finnockbog – application approved by Planning Officers.
- Scottish Women's Rural Institute – request for response to funding request.
 - **ACTION:** Hugh to draft letter refusing support on the grounds that community councils are not permitted to do this.
- Green Company, Peter Fusco request to attend January 2013 meeting
 - **ACTION:** Tracy to be point of contact and to inform Peter of the date of next meeting.

6.2 Member Vacancies

Tracy emailed all interested parties asking for a nomination form to be completed with a note that priority may be given to those interested in taking up role of secretary. Responses were received from 2 residents. It was agreed that both Liz Mackenzie and Isobel Rennie will be offered co-option to IWBC with Liz being offered post of secretary. Isobel was in attendance and agreed to the offer of the post.

ACTION: Tracy to send nomination forms to Peter MacDonald, Legal Services, Inverclyde Council.

ACTION: Tracy to email Liz Mackenzie to inform co-option decision.

7. Planning Matters

It was agreed that residents should report concerns about the level of noise created at the power station demolition site to Environmental Services: comments@inverclyde.gov.uk
IC councillors reported that noise and ground movement is being monitored and to date 10% of permitted level has been reported.

Weekly planning list:

<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/planning-and-the-environment/planning/planning-applications/application-registers-weekly-list>

8. Treasure's Report

Ron Potter reported that the CC's bank account balance at 8 December 2012 is £1361.02.

9. A78

Minutes of meeting on 5 October 2012 at The Chartroom are still to be circulated by Transport Scotland.

ACTION: Hugh to email Colin Broadwood, Transport Scotland:

- Requesting a copy of the minutes of meeting 5 October 2012
- Providing details of November 2012 accident (pending receipt of information from Strathclyde Police).
- Asking for an explanation of what the new road signage indicates.

10. Inverclyde Council Budget Consultation

Hugh and Ron plan to represent IWBCC at Budget Consultation meeting with IC on Monday 17 December 2012. Hugh requested suggestions by email. IC Councillors explained the budget setting exercise.

11. Inverkip Facilities Group

Plans for the new community facility are expected to be presented soon for planning permission. Residents will be invited to apply to become one of 6 directors with 3 IC Councillors also being on the board of directors. It was explained by the IC Councillors that the company will operate as a registered charity in the same way as the Kilmacolm facility.

ACTION: Tracy to list 'Inverkip Facilities Group' as an agenda item for the next meeting.

12. IWBCC Boundary

It was noted that Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton CC recently enquired about the inclusion of the IBM site being within their boundary. It was confirmed that it remains within IWBCC boundary.

13. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 8 January 2013 at 7pm in Inverkip Primary School.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:30pm.

APPENDIX 1



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Inverkip and Wemyss Bay
Community Council Partnership Briefing
Inverclyde
From 30th October 2012 to 26th November 2012

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Issues Raised

Speeding

Action Taken

Monitored with no significant activity at the specified location.

Crimes and Activity

For the 4 week period there were a reported **7 crimes**. This accounts for **2%** of the total crimes across Inverclyde. This is also a reduction of **80%** from the same period of the previous year.

Greenock Central	167
Greenock East	60
Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton	33
Port Glasgow West	53
Port Glasgow East	20
Greenock Southwest	40
Holefarm and Cowdenknowes	13
Greenock West and Cardwell Bay	18
Inverkip and Wemyss Bay	7
Gourock	16
Kilmacolm	10

Table 1: Crime reported by Community Council Area

Crimes of Violence	1
Crimes of Housebreaking (domestic)	0
OLP other than Motor Vehicle	0
Other Crimes of Dishonesty	0
Vehicle Crimes	2
Crimes of Fire Raising, Malicious Mischief	0
Other Crimes	0
Miscellaneous Offences	3
Offences relating to motor vehicles	1

Table 2: Crime types in the area

Miscellaneous Offences include; Common Assault (2) and Communications Act – Minor Threats (1).

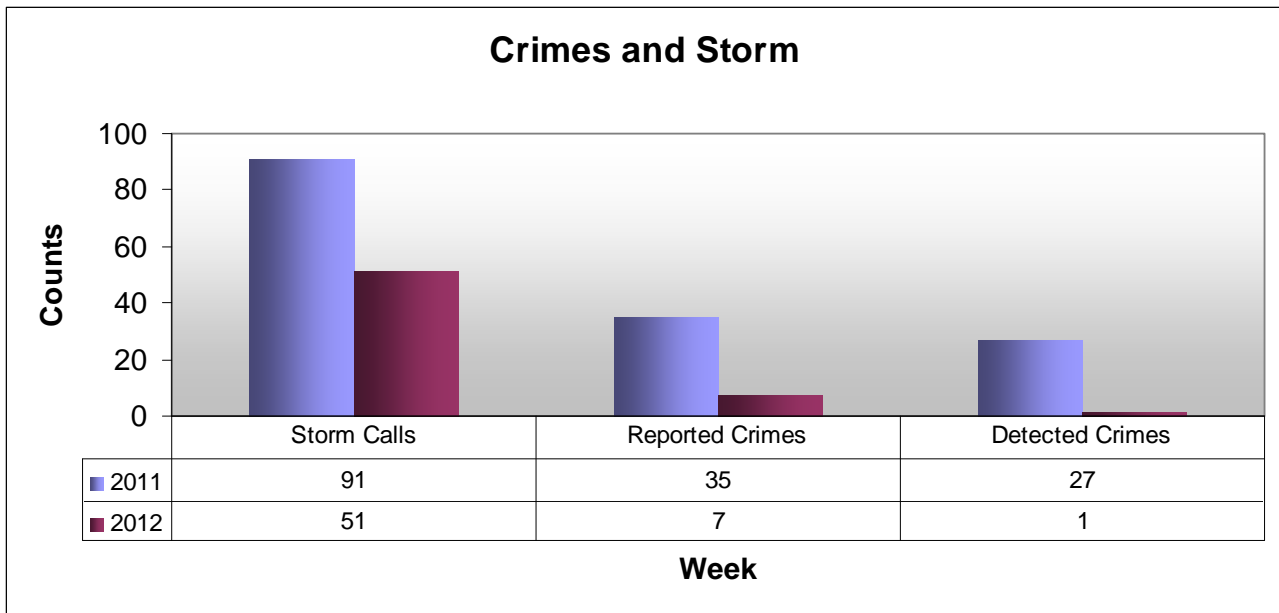


Chart 1: Yearly Change

	2011	2012	Change
Storm Calls	91	51	-44%
Reported Crimes	35	7	-80%
Detected Crimes	27	1	-96%
Percentage Detected	77%	14%	

Table 3: Yearly Change Percentages

Road Traffic Incidences

The total of Road Traffic Incidences was **2** for the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area. For the same period last year there were a total of **2**.

Fire Related Incidences

Strathclyde fire reported **3** incidences for Primary Fire (1), Special Service (1) and False Alarm (1) for this area for the month of October.

Community Warden Reports

There were 3 calls to the Community Wardens Service from Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area for the same period. These include; Nuisance Behaviour (1), Animal-Related (1) and Rowdy Behaviour (1).

Campaigns and Initiatives in the area

Festive campaign Keeping People Safe