

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Thursday 6th March 2014 at 7.00pm

Inverkip Primary School

1. Present: Eileen Virtue (Chair), Jean Anderson (Secretary), Tracy Bunton (Minutes Secretary), Alison Clark, David Adams, Isobel Rennie,

In attendance: Cllr. L. Rebecchi; Cllr G Dorrian; Cllr I Nelson; 2 members of the public

2. Apologies for absence: Robert McKenzie (Treasurer), Cliff Lyons, Liz MacKenzie, Paul Cassidy.

3. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Eileen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Police Matters

3 Officers normally based outside the area attended representing Sgt Anderson. A formal report was not available however officers offered to take away any points raised at the meeting. The cause of a recent accident on A78 at the Sainsbury's junction was discussed. Cllr Nelson reported that it appeared to have happened as a result of bad driving as opposed to the layout of the junction. Consideration will be given to making a Freedom of Information request and keeping a record of non-reported incidents.

5. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 6th February 2013 - Matters Arising

Progress on activities updated in Appendix 2

5.1 Green Gym – Daff Glen

Eileen reported that to date IWBCC and supporters have been to Daff Glen 3 times joined by the Scouts twice. 6 tonnes of hard core have been laid and steps built to improve access and drainage; fencing has been repaired and new fencing built (Ardgowan estate supplied and installed posts). Eileen extended thanks to ICE for grant to help with costs. Signage displaying IWBCC involvement at both entrances will be considered. Wemyss Bay has been assessed however there are no requirements at the areas surveyed. A further 3 half days are available with the co-ordinator.

5.2 Brueacre Junction/ Spey Road – Flooding

Network Rail responded to Tracy's enquiry about drainage at the Brueacre Junction/ Spey Road informing that there is a maintenance plan however suggested the community council contact the landowner asking they take steps to limit the level of debris travelling to the affected area.

Action: Tracy to email Ardgowan Estate asking for their cooperation to prevent flooding at Brueacre Junction/ Spey Road

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

6.0 Pavements and Roads

6.1 A78 – Wemyss Bay

A resident recently moved to the cottages at Wemyss Bay train station asked for assistance with problems parking immediately outside his home. Cllr Dorrian confirmed that the issues does not lie within Inverclyde Council's jurisdiction and advised to raise with Transport Scotland.

Action: Alison to consult Transport Scotland about parking at Wemyss Bay train station cottages

6.2 Inverclyde Council – Zoned Parking Summer 2014

Cllr Dorrian informed the reporter is liaising with objectors.

6.3 Pot Holes – Station Avenue, Inverkip

A resident asked her appreciation be noted of the prompt response to repair a pot hole on Station Avenue, Inverkip.

7.0 Secretary Report and Correspondence

Jean provided the following report:

- Local Energy Scotland – availability of grants for community based energy initiatives
- Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority - consultation
- Education Committee – proposes continuation of free lets to community councils and informs a change to the booking process

Action: Jean to email Inverclyde Leisure to request a fee waiver form.

8.0 Planning Matters

Jean reported application by Stewart Milne to changes to house types at Ardgowan View and to extend the detention basin.

Eileen will progress the arrangements for the Renewables Public Meeting.

9.0 Treasurer's Report

Robert provided a report for the meeting:

- Bank account balance: £2060.18.
- £138 paid to support the Green Gym (3 tonnes of hard core - supply and delivery)

10.0 Inverkip Community Initiative

The planning application is still to be submitted. A visit will be made to the Kilmacolm Community Centre on 11 March 2014.

11. Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 3 April 2014 at 7pm in Inverkip Primary School

12 AOCB

12.1 Wind Turbine at Finnockbog

A resident present at the meeting questioned the community council and Inverclyde Council's influence over turbine planning requests. Cllr Nelson explained that the reporter can overrule local decisions based on a number of factors including permission already granted for turbines in the locale. Eileen referred to the planned IWBCB Renewables meeting.

12.2 Path at Play Park – Hill Farm

A resident present at the meeting questioned the feasibility of opening an entrance to the play park at the top of Finnockbog Road to improve accessibility in the area. Options were discussed as was the requirement for planning approval; funding and acceptance by immediate residents.

Action: Eileen to email secretary of residents association and Stuart Jamieson, Head of Regeneration. & Planning about proposal to provide access to Finnockbog Road from Hill Farm playpark.

12.3 National Cycle Route N753

A resident present at the meeting outlined her fears about the proposed National Cycle Route N753 running immediately next to and past the rear of her home. While her concerns were noted IWBCB speculated that the proposal is likely to receive strong public support however recommended that she responds as planned by 14 March 2014 to the consultation commissioned by Inverclyde Council.

12.4 Improving Community engagement in Inverclyde

Jean and Isobel will represent IWBCC at an Inverclyde Council Community engagement in Inverclyde event on Monday 10th March in Clydeview Academy.

Action: Jean and Isobel to report back from Community engagement in Inverclyde event

13.0 IWBCC – Complaint

A complaint raised by a resident was investigated and all community councillors were invited to meet to agree the Community Council's response. A full and frank discussion took place and the following was agreed:

- IWBCC chairperson to reply to complainant.

- IWBCC chairperson to write to relevant Inverclyde Council department seeking clarification of a technical matter and to inform IWBCC's communication protocols.

- IWBCC to tighten up communication protocols:
 - Each member will take extra care with emails including automated signatures (ie where we identify ourselves as IWBCC members)
 - We will ensure that all enquiries have been discussed with IWBCC colleagues before sending communications, to ensure full awareness and consent.
 - We will always ensure that Secretary email (iwbcc@yahoo.co.uk) is copied on all correspondence that we undertake on behalf of IWBCC. This should ensure we have a full record of all IWBCC related correspondence held centrally.

- IWBCC members will look for additional training opportunities to reinforce our knowledge of best practises and procedures to follow as community councillors. We will all undertake to review the community councillor guidelines and be clear on our roles and responsibilities.

Action: Eileen to reply to complainant

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:00 pm

APPENDIX 1

Police and Community Meeting Report – report not available

APPENDIX 2

IWBC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 6 March 2014

ITEM	NEW ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 6.3.14	RESPONSIBLE		STATUS
5.2	Email Ardgowan Estate asking for cooperation to prevent flooding at Brueacre Junction/ Spey Road	TB	TB's email to Ardgowan Estate was acknowledged - waiting for update.	In progress
5.3	Alison to consult Transport Scotland about parking at Wemyss Bay train station cottages	AC		
7.0	Email Inverclyde Leisure to request a fee waiver form.	JA		
12.2	Email secretary of residents association and Stuart Jamieson, Head of Regeneration. & Planning about proposal to provide access to Finnockbog Road from Hill Farm playpark	EV		
12.4	Report back from Community engagement in Inverclyde event	JA/ IR		
13.0	Eileen to reply to complainant	EV		
	ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE	STATUS
	CC Members training requests	TB	Finance and Planning requested. TB informed JA will be contacted at Community Engagement event	Ongoing
	Green Gym	EV	Next: 9.3.14	Complete
	Cullen Crescent notice board - opinion to be requested through the residents association	EV	EV emailed resident association secretary.	Waiting response
	Eileen to obtain quotes for notice-board metal work (David will construct metal frames)	EV		Ongoing
	Robert to contact Transerve to discuss signage required at western entrance to Inverkip	RMcK	Robert sent reminder email	Waiting response
	David & Paul to identify land in Wemyss Bay that may be suitable for the Green Gym and pass details to Allyson	DA/ PC	Allyson met David and Paul – decided no work required	Complete
	Alison to follow up Brueacre junction, at the bottom of Spey Road enquiries with Transco – road resurfacing, cats eyes, road markings, signage	AC	Enquiries/ requests made by Alison. Cllr Rebecchi reported work was agreed for 2014/15	Complete
	Tracy to contact Network Rail to confirm drainage at the bottom of Spey Road at Brueacre Junction has been cleared.	TB		Complete
	Cllr Rebecchi asked the Roads team to progress of the repairs needed to be carried out by Scottish Water to the pavement outside the church	Cllr Rebecchi	Expected to be completed by 15.3.14	Progressing
	Eileen to email Legal Services submitting	EV		Complete

	objection to removal of Wemyss Bay taxi licenses and also suggesting consideration is given to locating a rank in Inverkip.			
	Jean to contact Inverclyde Leisure reporting problems arranging school lets	JA/ Cllr Dorrian	Review of letting procedure to be reported to Education Committee 11.3.14	Complete
	Wemyss Bay Display Advertising	AC	Factor is investigating and consulting owners	Progressing
	Request alternative dates avoiding spring break from Dr Campbell to speak at public meeting. Contact Scottish Renewables& Save Clyde Muirsheill Park	EV		Ongoing
	Cliff to report blocked drains at Main Street, Inverkip to Inverclyde Council	CL		Ongoing
	Alison to report (A770/A78) Bankfoot flooding to Transerve	AC	Reported and will be monitored	Complete
	Jean to reply to IC Roads stating IWBC request their professional opinion for preferred road traffic measures at Brueacre Road opposite WB Primary, in terms of safety for pedestrians and road users	JA	Barriers to be trialled and reviewed	Complete
	Findhorn Road – Parking Cllr Dorrian will reply to Paul requesting more detail.	Cllr Dorrian	Cllr Dorrian contacted IC Education	Complete