

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Thursday 6th November 2014 at 7.00pm

Inverkip Primary School

1.0 Present: Eileen Virtue (Chair), Jean Anderson (Secretary), David Adams, Cliff Lyons, Paul Cassidy, Robert McKenzie (Treasurer), Tracy Bunton (Minutes Secretary), Alison Clark, Isobel Rennie

In attendance: Cllrs. G Dorrian and L. Rebecchi; Frank Rennie, Strathclyde Passenger Transport; 2 members of the public;

2.0 Apologies for absence: None

3.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Tracy chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

4.0 Police Matters:

Police attended and provided the following crime report:
94 calls to the Police; 10 reports of crime;

David asked about accident at Bridgend on Saturday teatime, which resulted in traffic being diverted via Loch Thom..David wondered why not sent through the Ardgowan Estate.

Police officer confirmed that road traffic problem is handled by Trunk Road Incident Division which is not necessarily based in Glasgow..perhaps not have depth of local knowledge. Also the route through the Estate would be private property and a single track road, so may not have been deemed suitable.

5.0 Strathclyde Passenger Transport – Frank Rennie

Frank attended the meeting after email received by Alex Scott at SPT, result of email received from MSP Duncan McNeil. Subject was discussed at previous meeting, where a member of public had asked why no bus service provision to the Hill Farm Estate areas in Inverkip.

Frank introduced himself and the background. SPT is 1 of 7 regional transport authorities in Scotland to provide socially acceptable transport links. Covers area of 12 local authorities, mainly the old Strathclyde Region –Large geographic area. They have fixed budget of £11m from Scottish Government. Approximately breaks down to £8m for local bus services, £3m to Dial A Bus.

Locally there is the 576/578 subsidised evening services. SPT have no authority over private bus contractors, although they do liase and try to work together as much as possible. It is generally felt that the deregulated market is currently failing to meet the needs of the whole of Scotland. Changes from SPT have been proposed and put forward to the Scottish Government recently and are being considered.

Then followed a question and answer discussion.

Suggestion made to have a trial run of an evening service as part of the subsidised portion – surely only a short detour.

SPT – Believed Section 75 funding is supposed to be requested to be put in place with new developments to ensure some funding to provide transport links. SPT do not currently have budget.

Also My Bus services are available (previously Dial A Bus) but this has age restrictions on use, so may not be suitable to meet needs.

SPT also has no powers to “force” private operators to take up routes to “new” estates.

Frank agreed to take the suggestion back to his meetings with private operators (McGills) and ask if they would be willing to provide a limited service to Hill Farm Estate, even on a trial basis.

CC stressed not necessarily looking for an hourly service, and even a local circular service would allow people to get to the main bus routes to join a bus to further afield.

Frank confirmed 20 councillors on the SPT board, and he will keep the 2 Inverclyde members in the loop.

SPT only have the evening journeys to control at their disposal. Also the commercial market is contracting and this is putting a strain on bus services throughout Scotland.

There was also a discussion on other provision possibilities for bus stops on the Trunk Road in future, hopefully to be looked at as part of the new development and construction of roundabout.

We thanked Frank for attending and providing the info from SPT.

6.0 Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2014 - Matters Arising

Point (13.5) David raised question on lowered pavement being inconsistent height a crossing on 1 side.

ACTION: David to raise report with council roads dept.

Quotes obtained and approved for Noticeboards:

2 for Inverkip at £100 each , 1 at WB School £80. 4 have been ordered – including 1

For WB Community Centre (the WB Community Centre Association will fund themselves)

Progress on all other actions from previous minutes is summarised and updated in Appendix 1.

Minutes proposed as accurate by Alison Clark and seconded by Paul Cassidy

7.0 Roads and Lighting

Brueacre Junction flooded again during the extreme bad weather. Cllr Dorrian is taking forward the concerns from both IWBCC and Residents Association. Updated IC flooding officer.

On this occasion, Network Rail cleared the culvert and will increase their monitoring regularity in future.

Network Rail say will contact Ardgowan Estate to discuss possibilities of upstream forest clear and maintenance.

Buildings Demolished at Sliproad at old Power Station:

Member of public (John Bunton) has raised concern with Transerv directly over water flowing onto roadway in constant stream. Worry over ice causing problems with winter weather season. Cllr Rebecchi also contacted Network Rail over concerns. (possibly demolition of the service buildings has blocked the water slipway?)

Trunk Road flooding again opposite IBM near the entrance to the farm:

David will contact Transerv and get a reference number.

Langhouse Road Pavement:

Cllr Rebecchi confirmed he has been told due to be fixed and resurfaced on 1 December.

Langhouse Road – flooding on road with recent heavy rains, coming from ground above cemetery.

We believe this is Church owned ground. Jean agreed to check with Church and pass info onto the resident who raised concerns. Also to pass info to the IC Flood Prevention Officer (George Kerr) to see if he can assess.

8.0 Secretary's report and planning matters

Jean reported receipt of the following:

- Email from Moira Masterton – regarding the overflowing skip at Old Police House, Inverkip
Cllrs confirmed that Sheriff Officers are waiting on return of home owner to serve with order to maintain.
- A range of Inverclyde Council Committee reports – no matters arising
- Traffic Regulation Orders – 45 Glen Cres(disabled bay).
- Email from Paul Travers (Larkfield CC) regarding Davaar Road flooding problem. Ardgowan Estate does not own the land – their boundary stops before Davaar Road. Cllr Rebecchi agreed to ask IC to check who does own the land. Suggestion was it may have been owned by Darroch Estate which was previously administered through Ardgowan Estate.
- Email from Strathclyde University – information on youth and criminal justice study. Request for reply from community councils views. Agreed we will add to agenda for next meeting.
- Letter from Inverclyde Council(IC) requesting opinions on new community centre.
- Christmas Lights Switch-On dates: Jean confirmed that IWBCC is funding and has booked entertainer. This year will be a magician. 6:15 to 6:45 Inverkip, 7:15-7:45 Wemyss Bay (approx)
Total cost £250.
- Planning Meeting notification: Cowal & Trossachs Windfarm Company– Offer to come along to a future meeting to discuss. Agreed that we will consider this for after New Year, and send note to other local Community Councils to see if they wish to come along to a joint meeting. Eileen to take this action.
- Inverkip Community Facility: Cllrs confirmed budget was now £1.76m , outlook for financial year 2015-16 and plans should be going to planning board next meeting.
- Parking Disks – questions received over where to get them and shortage. New batch has now arrived and we can phone and ask for a bundle. Either pop into IC offices, or phone Stuart McKenzie to ask for some to be sent out.

9.0 Treasurers Report

Robert reported that the balance remains the same £1870.65, no movement since the date of the last meeting. However we will be writing cheques to cover Remembrance Wreaths, Notice Boards, Christmas Entertainer, and Data Protection Yearly Renewal.

Robert also to respond to Peter McDonald regarding this years grant.

10.0 Inverkip Community Initiative

It was acknowledged that there is considerable interest within the community and a need for an update. Outlook is going to planning in Jan 2015 with no major design change, just documentation changes.

11.0 IWBCC Vacancy: Cliff will send an email to confirm his retirement from IWBCC, then we plan to formalise Liz McKenzie as coopted onto the IWBCC.

12.0 AOCB

13.1 Remembrance Sunday 9.11.14

David will represent IWBCC at Wemyss Bay and Robert at Inverkip

13.2 Noted that Cllr Nelson has not attended last 4 meetings.

14.0 Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 4th December 2014 in Inverkip Primary School at 7:00pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:15 pm

APPENDIX 1

IWBCC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 6th November 2014

ITEM	NEW ACTIONS FROM MINUTES	RESPONSIBLE		STATUS
	6.11.14			

4	Request details of Inverkip bus subsidy, inviting a representative to meet IWBC	PC	Paul spoke to MSP who emailed SPT. Resulted in attending this meeting	Complete
5	Obtain Ian Hanley's response from British Transport Police	TB		In progress
9	Complete and return the training needs analysis to CLD	TB		Complete
10.1	Progress repair to lamppost R3	Cllr Rebecchi	New lamppost installed , residents very pleased.	complete
10.3	Lomond Road - request from Scottish Water the history of remedial work and the plans for a permanent solution	AC		Complete
10.4	Station Avenue – request progress report from RCH	JA	Jean phoned for update. RCH plan visit this week and will report back	In progress
12.2	Bachan Burn Wind Farm - Jean to attach Wind Farm material to the notice-board	JA		Complete
12.2	Bachan Burn Wind Farm - Cliff to inform Inverclydenow about the proposed development	CL		Complete
12.2	Bachan Burn Wind Farm - Eileen to notify concerns to MSPs McMillan, McNeil, Goldie and Derek McKay	EV		In progress
12.2	Bachan Burn Wind Farm - Paul to publicise on IWBC website	PC		In progress
13.5	Roads – request more time to cross the road at the traffic lights outside Tesco, Greenock	Cllr Rebecchi	This is a Puffin Crossing and timing is being looked into currently	In progress
	ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE	STATUS
	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	Early indication is that this is very unlikely	Agreed to close this item.
	Cullen Crescent notice board - opinion to be requested through the residents association	IR	Isobel to try phoning Stewart Milne requesting permission to locate noticeboard at Cullen Crescent .	Ongoing
	David will obtain quotes for notice-boards. (David will construct metal frames)	DA	DA to circulate quote from Jim Bristow, The Trust	Ongoing
	Find out Dr Campbell's availability to speak at public meeting in September. Contact Scottish Renewables& Save Clyde Muirsheill Park	EV/ CL		Ongoing
	Cllr Rebecchi to enquire about available options to improve the appearance of the former police station at Main Street, Inverkip	Cllr Rebecchi	Safer and Inclusive Communities carry out a site visit/ inspection – awaiting outcome	Complete
	Establish the status/ reinstatement of fencing at Millhouse Road/ Swallow Brae	Cllr Nelson		Ongoing
	Repair to the pavement outside Inverkip Church	Cllr Rebecchi	Work to commence 1.12.14	Complete
	Request survey of Lomond Road/ Ardgowan Road – condition of pavement	Cllr Nelson		Ongoing

	Liaise with the Councillors about the provision of bus service in Hill Farm	PC	As above	Complete
	Training Needs Analysis: Tracy to submit training request to CLD	TB		Complete
	Reply to Archaeological Society offering the help of the Green Gym volunteers and asking if they would be willing to help	JA	Jean sent reminder to Arch Society to ask them for proposed suitable dates.	In progress
	Monitor Argyll & Bute planning applications: PNE - Cowal Wind Farm	All	See Planning (12)	Ongoing