

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Thursday 6th October 2016 at 7.00pm

Wemyss Bay Primary School

Present: David Adams, Jean Anderson, Paul Cassidy (Chair), Alison Clark (Secretary), Isobel Rennie (Treasurer), Eileen Virtue, Tracy Bunton, Gary Purden

In attendance: Police Officer A Burns, M Cannon, Community Wardens, Cllr G Dorrian, Cllr I Nelson, Cllr. L. Rebecchi, Ronnie Cowan MP, & 4 members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence: Jakki Purdon, Stuart McMillan MSP

2.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Laura Nixon, NHS GG&C

3.0 Proposed Transfer of Community Birthing Unit from IRH.

Laura thanked the chair for the invitation and explained the proposed transfer of the Community birthing unit from IRH to Royal Alexandra hospital, Paisley. She explained that all current ante natal and post natal services will remain in IRH and will be unaffected. Only those classed as low risk throughout the duration of pregnancy are currently permitted to use the IRH birthing facility. 22 births out of 726 pregnancies in Inverclyde in 2015 took place in the IRH birthing unit. She explained that the low demand and numbers classed as low risk make the facility unsustainable due to severe recruitment problems; midwives are required to be committed to considerable on call duties. The engagement process includes consultation with a stakeholder reference group and a public engagement workshop scheduled to take place in November 2016, ends on 5th December 2016.

Laura agreed to take away a number of questions and provide responses:

- Will the RAH Special Baby Care unit transfer to Queen Elizabeth Hospital?
- Is there capacity at the RAH Community facility given the reduction in provision at the Vale of Leven hospital?
- How many deliveries take place at the Consultant lead facility at RAH?
- Is there a choice to use Ayrshire and Arran NHS services?
- How many home births take place in Inverclyde?

3.0 Police Matters

Police Officers Martin Cannon and Ally Burns reported that in the preceding month 13 reports were made; 3 crimes were detected; 10 investigations are ongoing into the theft of CCTV equipment, theft/ house breaking, on property with intention to steal, windscreen damaged and another smashed, dog bite, domestic incident, dog worrying livestock, stolen tipper (recovered), drunk driver. There were no priority (1) calls.

Wardens reported 5 calls involving public nuisance and disorder. This represented 3.4% of Inverclyde calls. 92 checks on public buildings took place. The wardens reminded everyone that the Wardens can be called directly when needed.

4.0 Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 1st September 2016

Actions from previous minutes is summarised and updated in Appendix 1.

Matters arising

Ardgowan Distillery – Ronnie Cowan MP expressed his concerns about 8 households and 5 businesses potentially being displaced. While the estate is committed to finding alternative accommodation, some tenants have been there for many years and are worried about being displaced.

Minutes proposed as accurate by Alison Clark and seconded by Eileen Virtue

5.0 Secretary's report

Alison referred to various items of correspondence received including:

Inverclyde Council meeting notices and agendas

Reference to Inverclyde Council committee reports, highlighting the following:

- Street trading license – pizza van in Wemyss Bay - approved
- Electricity Hydro system – Holeburn at Greenock Cut proposal has incurred increased costs so a report will go back to Committee in March 2017
- Fire call outs increased across Inverclyde compared with the same period 2015. It was noted that there has been a decrease in non-domestic building incidents
- Local Boundary alterations increasing the number of councillors from 20 to 22
- NHS GGC paediatric Inpatient Services proposal to transfer from RAH to Queen Elizabeth hospital campus.

<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/meetings/>

6.0 Planning Matters

New applications related to domestic premises. A bio-mass heating system at Ardgowan Estate had been approved. Main Street, Inverkip, illuminated signage application.

7.0 Roads, Pavements and Lighting

Work on the Inverkip roundabout at Sainsbury's junction will commence in 2017.

Jean provided a number of photographs of Main Street, showing overhanging vegetation and uneven/ broken sections of the pavement. Jean agreed to send these on to the councillors. Smithy Court waste discharge – Jean agreed to send Council report reference number and point of contact to the councillors. Concerns were raised about the duration of the disruption at Kip Park – Cllr Dorrian will investigate and report back.

It was noted that access from the A78 into Main Street will be disrupted over the weekend on 8/9th October 2016.

8.0 Treasurers Report

Isobel reported that there had been no movement in the Bank Balance since the date of the last meeting (previously recorded: £2184.78). It was agreed to purchase wreaths for Remembrance Sunday. Furthermore a donation of £15 to veterans' charity Tartan Heart was approved. Isobel will organise a cheque for 2 wreaths; Cllr Rebecchi will place the order.

Following the meeting it was agreed for Isobel to set up online banking with Isobel being the sole user.

9.0 AOCB

9.1 Redevelopment of Wemyss Bay Hotel site

Paul referred to an initial approach made by email to IWBCB by the architect of a developer with plans to create 2 retail units and parking. The architect replied to IWBCB query about plans to provide pedestrian crossing by saying that it had been discussed but no final decision had been made. Paul suggested that Transport Scotland should be asked to comment if a planning application is made.

Comments about the proposal including Jean's assessment of comments left on Facebook:

- Improvement on the current condition of the site
- Concerns about delivery vehicles noise and road disruption – delivery vehicles were commonplace when the hotel was operational and if not this then something else would be located on the site requiring access
- Wemyss Bay needs another supermarket
- The proposal replaces a closed business with new businesses on a 30mph road– no change in use
- It is essential that road disruption during the build period is kept to a minimum

It was agreed that Alison should email the architect once more informing that IWBCB discussed the proposal and require assurance about a pedestrian crossing.

9.2 Linnie Road – Dangerous Tree

David reported that a tree on Linnie Road is in a dangerous condition with a risk to collapsing and causing damage. Cllr Rebecchi agreed to investigate.

9.3 Microphones

Isobel informed that following the last meeting in Inverkip Primary when the acoustics in the hall made it difficult to hear speakers, it was agreed to purchase microphones

9.4 Handrail – Inverkip Cemetery

Alison spoke about an enquiry from Stuart McMillan MSP. Cllr Dorrian informed that the matter was being progressed and a response is due

9.5 Inverkip War Memorial

Tracy informed that an instruction has been issued Inverclyde Council to clean and repaint the lettering and is expected to be completed by Remembrance Sunday.

9.6 Inverkip Community Hub

Paul informed that bookings from the end of October 2016 will be honoured the centre will officially open some weeks later.

10.0 Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 3rd November 2016 in Inverkip Primary School at 7:00pm

There being no further business the formal meeting was closed at 8:45pm

APPENDIX 1**IWBC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 6.10.16**

ITEM	NEW ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 6.10.16	RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE	STATUS at 6.10.16
7.0	Main Street overhanging vegetation and uneven/ broken sections of the pavement. Jean to send photographs to the Cllrs	JA & Cllrs Dorrian & Rebecchi		
7.0	Smithy Court waste discharge – Jean to send Council report reference number and point of contact to the Cllrs	JA & Cllrs Dorrian & Rebecchi		
9.1	Alison to email the architect informing that IWBC discussed the Wemyss Bay Hotel site proposal and require assurance about a pedestrian crossing	AC		
	ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	RESPONSIBLE	UPDATE	STATUS
	Betty Burn – Everton Road litter Wemyss Bay – Private beach amount of litter/debris. Talk to Restorative Justice	Cllr Dorrian	Additional question about .litter dumping on Spey Road/slip roads. Cllr Dorrian will check with them.	Ongoing
	Inverkip flower beds and planters possibly we take this as one of our Green Gym initiatives this year.	Cllr Dorrian and all IWBC	Cllr D confirmed with IC that there are no planters available. Davie offered to build some. Also Parklea Charity group would supply and maintain for small fees. IWBC to discuss at next meeting	Ongoing for possible part of wider plans with funding
	Create notice drawing owners' attention to appearance of Langhouse Avenue and offer the help of the community council to assist in coordinating a factor if needed.	TB	To be prepared later	ongoing
	Obtain permission to locate a notice board at Sainsbury's.	AC	Alison corresponded with owners – no objection. Now IWBC to source wall mounted notice	ongoing
	WB School Parking and pathway from Community Centre car park	Cllr Rebecchi / Davie	Cllr Rebecchi received response from IC Roads dept not viable to open back entrance to school grounds due to security and safety concerns. Cllr Rebecchi plans to discuss parking issues around school again with them later this month.	ongoing
	Signage A78 sliproad to Hill Farm	Cllr Rebecchi/TB	Cllr R passed to IC Roads dept for consideration. Asked and awaiting answer	Ongoing
	Bus route/Survey from D McNeil	PC	Paul received update	Ongoing

			from MSP office and will send out to everyone for opinions	
	Parking and road markings Inverkip Main Street at bus stop.	Cllr Rebecchi		open
	Confirm report was sent from IC Roads to Kip Marina	Cllr Dorrian		