

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Thursday 7th of February 2013 at 7pm

Inverkip Primary School

Present: Ron Potter (Chair); Telfer Ramage; David Adams; Jean Anderson; Isobel Rennie; Liz Mackenzie; Eileen Virtue and Tracy Bunton

2. Apologies for absence: Hugh Ritchie, Cllr. C Rebecchi

In attendance: Cllr Gerry Dorrian, Cllr Innes Nelson, Sgt Stevie Anderson, PC Ryan White, two members of the public.

3. Police Matters

3.1 Police Report

Sgt. Anderson provided a report for the period 25 December 2012 – 6 February 2013 informing crime in the area represented 3.4% of all of Inverclyde's reported crime. Operation Myriad has commenced involving 8 officers undertaking evening patrols on Friday and Saturday evenings. Community Council Partnership Briefing from 26th December 2012 to 22nd January 2013 is attached as **Appendix 1.**

Crime

3.2 Parking Obstructions – Main Street, Inverkip

Tracy reported a complaint raised by a resident about obstructions on Main Street; parking, blown over fencing and a gate extending onto a stretch of narrow pavement. Sgt. Anderson agreed to attend the area to investigate.

During the course of the meeting Sgt. Anderson returned to report that he persuaded the owners of 2 cars parked illegally to move them on and stated his team will continue to monitor the area.

3.3 School Parking

Sgt Anderson stated that officers will continue to monitor parking outside Inverkip Primary and asked for immediate reports to allow officers to react when needed.

ACTION: Hugh to discuss parking restrictions on Station Road and Station Avenue with Cllr Rebecchi after the meeting. Ongoing

3.4 Road Traffic Accidents – A78

ACTION: Sgt Gardiner to obtain and report back with more information about 4 road traffic incidents on A78 discussed at January's meeting. Ongoing

4. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2013

Matters Arising

4.1 IWBCB Email and Website

Harold McPherson agreed to request changes needed to transfer web master control to Eileen Virtue.

ACTION: Harold McPherson to transfer web master control to Eileen Virtue.

4.2 Community Council Records

David Adams transported IWBCB documentation and printer from Mr & Mrs Roders to Liz McKenzie.

ACTION: Ron and Liz to arrange to meet to sift archived documentation, Hugh to review and Cllr Nelson to organise confidential destruction. Ongoing

4.3. A78 – follow up to meeting 5.10.12

Tracy reported Cllr Rebecchi had informed before the meeting that Amey agreed to his request to review the functionality of the recently installed electronic signalling. Cllr Rebecchi also stated he was promised an email from Colin Broadwood by 8.2.13 with minutes of the meeting organised by IWBC held on 5.10.12 concerning the A78 junction.

Telfer suggested a sign below the electronic signals stating 'Approaching Junction' would help drivers understand the signalling. It was agreed that this should be included in the reply to Colin Broadwood, Transport Scotland.

ACTION: Email to be sent to Colin Broadwood suggesting a sign below the electronic signals stating 'Approaching Junction'.

4.4 Road Condition Survey SW Greenock, Inverkip & Wemyss Bay

Temporary repairs were acknowledged however it was agreed to carry forward the requirement to monitor road conditions.

ACTION: Continue to monitor road conditions and the plan to resurface and solve drainage problems on Finnockbog Road.

It was agreed that all other actions were cleared.

Minutes proposed as accurate by Jean Anderson and seconded by Eileen Virtue

5.1 Secretary Report, Correspondence and Resignation

Liz listed correspondence received since the date of the last meeting including IC reports, circulars, newsletters and IC Statement of Principles (Gambling Act 2005)

6.0 Planning Matters

Proposals for plans for 110m wind turbines at Corlic Hills within Clyde Muirshiel Park although not within boundary of IWBC were discussed.

A request from Beth McClure, received by email to support her objection to planning permission for 5 turbines up to 92.5m on land at Barbour Farm, Knockderry Farm and Clyder Woodland, Cove was considered. A vote was taken, 4 objected to the request to object to the plan and 4 agreed to the request. Tracy agreed to contact Beth McClure to inform her that IWBC will not support her request.

An extended debate about IWBC's stance on wind turbines followed. Jean argued that without up to date community consultation, IWBC does not have a mandate to implement a policy agreed within the community council based on individual community councillor's personal views. Eileen suggested an agenda item at a future meeting should be devoted to this matter with invited guests to present their argument. Ron proposed that to allow sufficient time to organise speakers (Save Clyde Muirshiel Park, Nigel Willis, Clyde Muirshiel Park and an officer from Inverclyde Council) and publicise the meeting, that this should be scheduled for April's meeting.

ACTION: Tracy to invite guests and publicise Wind Turbine discussion at IWBC meeting 4 April 2013 in Wemyss Bay Community Centre.

Inverclyde Council – Renewable Energy

<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/planning-and-the-environment/planning/renewable-energy>

Inverclyde Local Plan

<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/planning-and-the-environment/planning/development-plan/adopted-inverclyde-local-plan-2005>

Weekly planning list:

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

7.0 Treasurer's Report

Ron Potter reported that the CC's bank account balance at 7 February 2013 is £1361.02. Ron informed that he received a letter from Zürich Insurance asking if cover is required however he will confirm that IC provide this cover with Peter McDonald, IC Legal Services.

ACTION: Ron to confirm with Peter McDonald, IC Legal Services that IC provides insurance cover.

8.0 Inverkip Facilities

No official update to discuss although Inverclyde Now report showing proposed design was acknowledged.

10. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 7 March 2013 at 7pm in Inverkip Primary School.

11.0 AOCB

11.1 Wemyss Bay – Carron Road Clearance

David wished thanks to be passed onto Environmental Services for clearing overgrown vegetation on Carron Road.

11.2 Access to Wemyss Bay Primary School Football Pitch

ACTION: Cllr Dorrian to find out from Education Services about children's out of hour's access to Wemyss Bay Primary School football pitch.

11.3 Wemyss Bay Community Centre Car Park

ACTION: Cllr Dorrian to request inspection of the condition of WB Community Centre car park.

11.4 Lomond Road – road markings

ACTION: Cllr Dorrian to find out about if yellow lines on Lomond Road outside WB Primary are enforceable and to request inspection of the condition of the markings at the mini-roundabout on Lomond Road, Wemyss Bay.

11.5 Finnockbog Road – drainage

In light of recent traffic incidents caused by black ice on Finnockbog, Cllr Dorrian informed he would request expedition of plans to resolve drainage issues on Finnockbog Road.

ACTION: Cllr Dorrian to request expedition of plans to resolve drainage issues on Finnockbog Road.

11.6 Fly Tipping & Dog Fouling

Liz raised the condition of the forest track to Daff Reservoir once more and it was agreed that given Inverclyde Council has no locus in the matter a report with photographs should be sent for the attention of Savilles.

ACTION: Liz to send a report of fly tipping and dog fouling with photograph to Savilles

11.7 Date of AGM

Ron suggested that while the AGM is planned to coincide with April's business meeting it should be postponed until 2 May 2013 to allow sufficient time to spend on the Wind Turbine debate. This was agreed. Ron also asked that the procedure to change the designation of co-opted members Liz and Isobel to full membership should be requested from Inverclyde Council.

ACTION: Tracy to request details of procedure to change co-opted members to full membership from Inverclyde Council's Legal Services.

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

ACTIONS SUMMARY - 7 FEBRUARY 2013

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Action</u> | <u>Responsible</u> | <u>Completed by DONM* (Y/N)</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3.3 | Hugh to discuss parking restrictions on Station Road and Station Avenue with Cllr Rebecchi after the meeting of 7.2.13. Ongoing | HR | |
| 3.4 | Sgt Gardiner to obtain and report back with more information about 4 road traffic incidents on A78 discussed at January's meeting. Ongoing | Sgt. R Gardiner | |
| 4.1 | Harold McPherson to transfer web master control to Eileen | EV | |
| 4.2 | Ron and Liz to arrange to meet to sift archived documentation, Hugh to review and Cllr Nelson to organise confidential destruction. Ongoing | RP, EMcK, HR, Cllr Nelson | |
| 4.3 | Email to be sent to Colin Broadwood suggesting a sign below the electronic signals stating 'Approaching Junction' | Recipient of email from C Broadwood | |
| 4.4 | Continue to monitor road conditions and the plan to resurface and solve drainage problems on Finnockbog Road | All | |
| 6.0 | Invite guests and publicise Wind Turbine discussion at IWbcc meeting 4 April 2013 in Wemyss Bay Community Centre. | TB | <u>Y – changed to 2.5.13</u> |
| 7.0 | Confirm with Peter McDonald, IC Legal Services that IC provides insurance cover for IWbcc | RP | |
| 11.2 | Find out from Education Services about children's out of hour's access to Wemyss Bay Primary School football pitch. | Cllr Dorrian | <u>Y</u> |
| 11.3 | Request inspection of the condition of WB Community Centre car park | Cllr Dorrian | <u>Y – Property Services</u> |
| 11.4 | Find out about if yellow lines on Lomond Road outside WB Primary are enforceable and to request inspection of the condition of the markings at the mini-roundabout on Lomond Road, Wemyss Bay | Cllr Dorrian | <u>Y – Roads priority 13/14</u> |
| 11.5 | Request expedition of plans to resolve drainage issues on Finnockbog Road. | Cllr Dorrian | <u>Y - ongoing</u> |
| 11.6 | Send a report of fly tipping and dog fouling with photograph to Savilles | EMcK | |
| 11.7 | Request details of procedure to change co-opted members to full membership from Inverclyde Council's Legal Services | TB | <u>Y – awaiting response</u> |

*Date of Next Meeting

APPENDIX 1

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay
Community Council Partnership Briefing
Inverclyde
From 26th December 2012 to 22nd January 2013

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Issues Raised

The crime figures seem high, however this was due to Road Traffic Offences.

Action Taken

Crimes and Activity

For the 4 week period there were a reported **17 crimes**. This accounts for **3.4%** of the total crimes across Inverclyde. This is also an increase from the same period of the previous year.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Greenock Central | 227 |
| Greenock East | 56 |
| Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton | 33 |
| Port Glasgow West | 35 |
| Port Glasgow East | 38 |
| Greenock Southwest | 36 |
| Holefarm and Cowdenknowes | 19 |
| Greenock West and Cardwell Bay | 15 |
| Inverkip and Wemyss Bay | 17 |
| Gourock | 25 |
| Kilmacolm | 5 |

Table 1: Crime reported by Community Council Area

| VIEW_DESC | Total |
|--|-------|
| GROUP 3 - Other Crimes of Dishonesty | 1 |
| GROUP 3 - Vehicle Crimes | 2 |
| GROUP 4 - Crimes of Fire Raising, Malicious Mischief etc | 2 |
| GROUP 6 - Miscellaneous Offences | 4 |
| GROUP 3 - Housebreaking (other property) | 1 |
| GROUP 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles | 7 |
| Grand Total | 17 |

Table 2: Crime types in the area

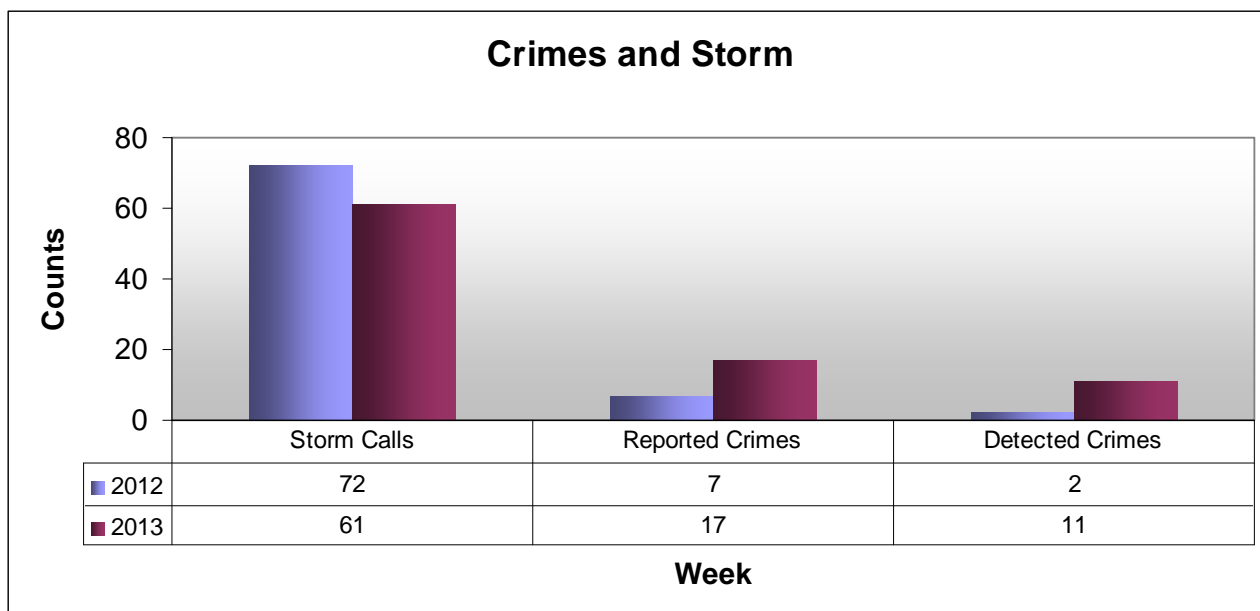


Chart 1: Yearly Change

| | 2012 | 2013 | Change |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|
| Storm Calls | 72 | 61 | -15% |
| Reported Crimes | 7 | 17 | 143% |
| Detected Crimes | 2 | 11 | 450% |
| Percentage Detected | 29% | 65% | |

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 **10**.

There were 2 Speeding Offences tickets issued.

Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Related Incidences

Not supplied yet for January.

Primary fires generally involve property and include buildings, caravans, motor vehicles and plant and machinery. Secondary fires are often minor and include the burning of rubbish, grass and derelict properties.

Community Warden Reports

There were 2 calls to the Community Wardens Service from Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area for the same period.

| ASB Category | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Loitering/pestering residents | 1 |
| Nuisance Behaviour | 1 |
| Grand Total | 2 |

Campaigns and Initiatives in the area