

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7.00pm
Inverkip Primary School

Present: Jean Anderson, Tracy Buntun, Paul Cassidy (Chair), Allison Clark (Secretary), Isobel Rennie (Treasurer), Jakki Purden, Eileen Virtue.

In attendance: Cllr. L. Rebecchi, Police Officer Ali Burns, & 4 members of the public.

1.0 Apologies for absence: Cllr G Dorrian, Gary Purden, Ronnie Cowan MP, Duncan McNeil MSP, Stuart McMillan MSP, Sir Ludo Shaw Stewart

2.0 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3.0 Police Matters

Police: Ali Burns reported that 48 calls were received since the date of the last meeting. 4 crime reports: 3 of which have been resolved. 1 domestic assault, 1 intent to supply drugs, 1 drug possession, 1 vandalism of a car.

Analyst reports can be found here:

<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/community-safety/community-safety-partnership-csp>

Additional question received via phonecall to IWBCB regarding a residents concerns with scrambler bikes, quads using paths around the Daff Reservoir, mainly at weekends.

Police advice use 101 number to report when observed and Police or Community Wardens can then try to get there to discuss with the riders. (ie check on whether using public roads or if on private land have owners permissions, etc)

4.0 Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 3 December 2015

Davie commented on the continued flooding on the A78 around farm opposite IBM – some of the drains still seem to be blocked.

Cllr Rebecchi confirmed A78 has been assessed by Inverclyde Council and Transerve – some items noted have already been actioned and resolved, others are on the list to be actioned as soon as possible.

IWBCC members acknowledged with thanks that many of the previously noted flood prone sites have improved as per the latest rains.

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

Minutes proposed as accurate by Jean Anderson and seconded by Isobel Rennie

5.0 Secretary's report and planning matters

Allison referred to various items of correspondence received including :
Inverclyde Council meeting notices and agendas - Health & Social Care 7 Jan;
Planning Board 6 Jan was cancelled due to lack of business;
General Purposes Mtg 13 Jan;
Environment & Regeneration Mtg 14 Jan

(at which should confirm adoption of new road name Langhouse Drive) – available on Inverclyde Council website.

- Reference to Inverclyde Council committee reports
<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/meetings/>

Correspondance received from Calmac announcing journey times to take extra 5 mins.
Contingency Advice Plans to copy with Winter

Email from 2 residents asking if we could hold more of our meetings in Wemyss Bay.

Discussed and confirmed only reason IWBCCC meeting planner scheduled more in Inverkip, was that historically more people came to meetings there.

Committee agreed that as we are due to book next block of meeting venues , we will alternate as much as possible between the villages.

Thank you received from Mr Wallace, regarding info provided previously by Tracy and Alison, to his request for information and contacts regarding premises in iwBCC area.

6.0 Roads, Pavements and Lighting

Jean confirmed she had reported some blocked drains in Station Road to IC and they have now been cleared.

Cllr Rebecchi advised that IC Roads Dept are working to get around all drains at present to review and action any problems asap.

Previously reported some street lights out in Wemyss Bay (Carron Road area) – this has been resolved by IC over Christmas holidays.

Reminded everyone of road closure 8-10 January on Bruacre Slip Road to Hill Farm Estate. (notices on noticeboard and IWBCCC website)

Question from Davie, regarding whether parking rules will be enforced again at Wemyss Bay School. Cllr Rebecchi confirmed that IC had received some complaints from School Bus Companies regarding parking around the school.

Action: Cllr Rebecchi will ask IC Road Safety Dept to look at any improvements that could be made.

General Discussion took place .

It was suggested improve and open the footpath from Community Centre Car Park into the school. Suggestion was that this would allow back entrance to be used from the CC carpark – giving place to park, safer route into school, and relieving the congestion at road side.

The path is there just now, but muddy, prone to flooding...so would need some improvement .

Also felt drive to improve drivers parking outside school, needs to be driven primarily from Head Teacher and Parents Association – IWBCCC will be happy to support and help with any efforts.

Action: Davie to speak to Parents Association/Head Teacher

Jean confirmed that a large tree had come down over Station Ave, Inverkip after latest stormy weather. It was dealt with very speedily...and later completely removed by factors for owners at Inverhouse Gardens within the week. Local Station Avenue residents have also requested that the factors have the rest of the trees checked.

Action: JA to try to find out who the factors are.

Davie raised question of no signage at bottom of A78 Sliproad at Bruacre Junction to Hill Farm. Residents have noted incidents of confusion for motorists not accustomed to the area. There is no sign to confirm that Hill Farm housing estates are turn left under railway bridge.

**Action: Cllr Rebecchi will check who owns land about possibility of sign being erected.
Tracy will email Cllr Rebecchi with request from IWBCCC for sign.**

7.0 Treasurers Report

Isobel reported the following:

Bank Balance at 8 December 2015: £1371.26

(Balance at 3.12.15: £1,378.51 less cheque for expenses £7.25)

Suggestion : payments to key holders to cover supplies for printing (paper,ink,etc)

Action: Tracy to ask Peter McDonald at IC for advice on how best to record.

8.0 AOCB

8.1 Proposed closure of Kirn Drive Recycling Centre

Letter received by Jean – regarding proposal to close the Kirn Drive Recycling Centre in Gourrock.

Closing date for comments to be registered by residents is tomorrow 8 Jan.

Agreed this would be a loss and inconvenience of much longer journey to Pottery Street Facility may result in more fly tipping! Committee members encouraged to register their comments individually on the IC website and mention to any other residents they meet.

8.2 IWBCC Projector/Screen

Question asked if IWBCC still own an overhead projector and screen.

Answer: no – projector is broken and part required is more expensive than buying new projector.

Agreed it should be scrapped as uneconomic to repair.

We do not have a screen...no one is sure if IWBCC ever owned a screen.

If any local groups that need a projector - Westburn Centre , CVS, can loan projector and screen.

8.3 IWBCC Facebook Page

Jean asked if old facebook page from a previous CC could be taken on. She sent message to the facebook page contacts address, received no answer but it has now been taken down.

Action: Paul volunteered to set up new facebook page for IWBCC. Jean was asked if she would be willing to administer with Paul.

8.4 Webpage Updates

Action: Eileen to check her access to make updates.

Action: Paul to add a section for Chairperson Summary – which could be used to post short highlights of what is discussed at each meeting...and direct readers to more info to follow in the Minutes when written up.

8.5 Enquiry re- noise coming from Langhill Farm Building (West Coast Wood Fuels)

Enquiry received from resident discussed and best advice is to phone Inverclyde Council(IC)

717171 To register noise complaint – which will ensure it is passed to correct dept to action.

Action: Alison will reply to the resident with above advice.

8.6 Bus Policy

Question from member of public at meeting if anything had been heard on previous enquiries for a bus route to Hill Farm houses from the bus companies, etc.

Only answers so far are they are currently reviewing their policies, as applications for routes renewals are due in Feb 2016.

Cllr Rebecchi reiterated that Inverclyde Council have no leverage or power to influence or force bus company to introduce a new route.

Neither do Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

Paul confirmed that he had discussed details of proposed survey from Duncan McNeil office to residents. This survey is to include questions for residents to get their opinions on whether bus route is desired, amongst other topics.

Action: Paul to check if could utilise the Scouts postbox for paper survey returns in Sainsbury etc. And to find out latest outlook on when survey due to be issued.

8.7 School Bus from Hill Farm Estate

Question was asked in view of other local council policies, whether free school bus would/should still be provided from Hill Farm estates to Inverkip Primary. In light of building works due to be complete soon and safe route is now available to walk.

General Discussion took place.

Acknowledged walking route is now safer but still some concerns:

Lift at Station opens directly onto the platform...ok if children walk down stairway, but if they use the lift, possible dangerous to be straight onto railway platform.

Pavement at top of Station Road is very narrow and only continues down 1 side to bottom opposite the school .

Multiple residential roads to cross.

Building traffic still in progress on the housing sites.

9.0 Date and time of next meeting:

Thursday 4thFebruary 2016 at 7pm in Wemyss Bay Primary School

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21:00

APPENDIX 1**IWBCC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 7 th January 2016**

| ITEM | NEW ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 7.1.16 | RESPONSIBLE | UPDATE | STATUS at 24/1/2016 |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 6.0 | WB School Parking and pathway | Cllr Rebecchi / Davie | | open |
| 6.0 | Station Ave – Inverhouse Gardens Factor | JA | | open |
| 6.0 | Signage – A78 sliproad to Hill Farm | Cllr Rebecchi / TB | | open |
| 7.0 | Advice from IC – re printing expenses/supplies | TB | | open |
| 7.0 | Noise concerns – Inverkip resident | AC | Alison has left phone messages.No email provided. | closed |
| 8.3 | Facebook Page | PC / JA | | open |
| 8.4 | Website : editing and adding Chairperson Summary | PC / EV | Eileen confirmed her access to edit the website is now working | open |
| 8.5 | Bus route / Survey from D McNeil | PC | | open |
| | ACTIONS - FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES | RESPONSIBLE | UPDATE | STATUS |
| | Invite Stewart Milne to February 2016 meeting regarding traffic calming measures, tree replanting and the development of the play park. All to email Allison with details of matters for discussion | AC/ All | No reply received at date of meeting. Cllr Rebecchi will check for S Milne boss contact name. Jakki will check in with Show home office.Alison will issue invites and let Ardgowan Residents Facebook Page know, Alison has received reply saying they will not be able to attend meeting but to send them residents concerns and they will try to get answers for sharing at the meeting. | Ongoing |
| | Report flooding on the A78 to Transerve | JA | Cllr Rebecchi also discussing gully clearances with Network Rail between Ravenscraig and Inverkip. | Complete |
| | Spey Road - flooding | Cllr Rebecchi | Ardgowann Estate cooperating with Council and Scotrail. Still some tasks in upstream to be completed by Ardgowan Estates. | Complete |
| | Create notice drawing owners' attention to the appearance of Langhouse Avenue and offer the help of the community council to assist coordinating a factor. | TB | To be prepared by Spring 2016 | Ongoing |
| | Invite Street Life representative to the | TB | No response to email | Ongoing |

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| | May meeting | | | |
| | Find out Dr Campbell's availability to speak at public meeting in September. Contact Scottish Renewables& Save Clyde Muirsheill Park | EV | Moved to future action for next sessions, after summer. | Closed at this time. |
| | A78 flooding at Power Station | Cllr Rebecchi | Contract in progress | Complete |
| | Obtain permission to locate a notice board at Sainsburys | AC | Email property owner | In progress |
| | Contact Discover Inverclyde (Chris Jewell) re visual impact (PNE proposal) | EV | | Closed no longer required. |