

**WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2007 at 7.30PM
ROGUES ROOM, INVERKIP HOTEL, INVERKIP**

Present: Kirsty Donnelly
Elaine Blue
Iain Buchan
Jenny Eaton
Ann-Marie Cockburn

Denise Anderson
Lynda Kelly
Pamela Noble
Allison Battley
Angela MacIntosh

Apologies: Michele Barrett
Bobbie McCabe
Donna Galvin

Stephen Renton
Jackie Watt
Cheryl Cairns

Welcome

Kirsty Donnelly in the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Denise Anderson and seconded by Iain Buchan.

Treasurer's Report

Cheryl Cairns was unable to attend but in her absence Kirsty confirmed that cash in the bank at present was £35,694.75 although there were still three cheques to be cashed totalling £1,072.74 but that this was balanced by cheques to be banked of £2,268.41.

The Committee then discussed regular lets who were in arrears and a strategy to collect this money was discussed and decided upon.

Letting Secretary's Report

Kirsty advised that party lets were continuing to come in. Kirsty further advised that Stuart McMillan MSP was running a surgery on Saturday 8th September between 9am and 9.45am and arrangements were made for someone to open the Centre for this.

Kirsty also confirmed that our Disco DJs were unable to continue in their role and it was agreed that an ad would be put into the next village news asking if anyone would be interested in doing this job.

Kirsty further advised that at the next AGM the position of Letting Secretary would need to be filled – it was confirmed that a rota of people to put the bouncy castle up and down should be put in place in conjunction with this.

Secretary's Report

Elaine Blue had nothing to report.

Facility Manager's Report

Iain Buchan advised that he had been in contact with Abel Alarms who confirmed that our direct response line was no longer connected – this was due to the work done on the telephone line by the Council/BT when the nursery portacabins were put in. It was agreed that Kirsty would speak with someone at the IT Department at Inverclyde Council who would liaise with BT to arrange for 2 separate lines to be run in the Centre to allow our direct response line to be reconnected. The Committee discussed this at some length and agreed that this is something that needs dealt with as a matter of urgency as at present the Centre wasn't as safe as normal.

The room used for the nursery to store equipment was discussed again. Kirsty confirmed that she was waiting to hear back from Tom Reid regarding the nursery let and confirmed that she would speak to Evelyn Ritchie re how much the nursery used not only the main hall but the storage room and whether it would be possible to move the bikes etc out of the cupboard on a Friday to enable the room to be used as a changing room for Ardgowan Football Development who had joined a Saturday league and needed facilities for visiting teams to get changed.

Parent Group Representatives Business

No business.

Other Business

The Village News was discussed at length. Kirsty advised the Committee that Gill Pearson had confirmed that she would take on the role of Distributor although no-one had yet been found as the new editor. The Committee discussed this months' edition at length and various new pieces would appear in the October edition.

Christmas Light Switch on

It was decided that Kirsty would contact the Council and suggest either 30th November or 7th December as the night for the light switch on and also ask where the Christmas tree was going this year – given that it would be unable to go in the school this year. The Committee discussed initial plans for the light switch on although nothing was decided upon.

Gala 2008

Preliminary discussions re. next year's Gala started. A few new and fresh ideas were discussed and it was decided that this would be discussed more in depth at next month's meeting.

Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would take place at the Rogues Room, Inverkip Hotel on Wednesday 3rd October 2007 at 7.30pm.