

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting held in Inverkip Primary School on Thursday 4th March 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Hugh Ritchie, Ron Potter, Harold McPherson, Brian McArthur, Liz Roder, David Adam, Brian Blacklaw.

In attendance: Cllr. Nelson, Cllr Rebecchi, A Wallace, A Forsyth, N Anderson, Sgt.A O'Hare, N W Barlow, N Cupples, G Anderson, A McIntosh, J Anderson, C Lyons, A Lynch.

1. Chairman Hugh Ritchie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies were received from Lynne Chambers and Cllr Dorrian.

3. Police Matters. Sgt O'Hare reported 20 crimes in the month, with a 40% detection rate. Full list provided.

He also gave the list for December, 7 crimes, 57% detection rate.

Discussion followed on the time taken for the police to attend a call out. Sgt O'Hare promised to investigate.

The continual breaking of the lights at Wemyss Bay community Centre was raised. It was emphasised that when reporting to the police ask for an incident number, this helps with any follow up.

4. Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 4th February 2010.

Matters arising.

4.1 The chairman reported he had a full and frank meeting with Cllr Rebecchi (CR). The one item still outstanding was the minuting of all meetings. A full discussion followed in which CR pointed out that Willie Wilson of Inverclyde Council had sent an email to the Community Council saying that procedures should be followed and all meetings, including sub-committee meetings should be minuted.

CR reiterated that all decisions must be recorded and the Community Council must abide by its constitution.

The chairman assured the meeting that the Community Council is transparent.

He also undertook to do whatever was required to fix the problem.

4.2 The photo and article in The Greenock Telegraph. The Chairman stated that in future no member of the Community Council will attend any event that is called by a single party.

4.3 The Chairman reported that CR has said there is matched funding available for the monies due from the developers of Hill Farm.

4.4 Inverclyde Council meeting on Community Facilities. The chairman told the meeting due the previous week had been postponed due to weather conditions. He said he and Brian McArthur would attend the next one.

It was pointed out that only one Community Councillor could attend. The invitation was to the Secretary or a substitute.

4.5 CR cleared up what he meant by 2 bags of grit being collected from the roads depot. He also praised the gritter drivers for working around the clock but emphasised that much better communication with the public was required.

4.6 The advertising signs at the car park adjacent to Sainsburys had been taken away.

4.7 An order has been placed for the repair of the Community Council noticeboard. Ron Potter (RP) had phoned twice to expedite the work which had not yet taken place. CR said he would look into the matter.

4.8 For clarification RP pointed out that co-opted members could not vote on any other possible co-option of members but on all other matters.

Brian McArthur proposed the minutes as accurate, seconded by Harold McPherson.

5. Secretary's report and correspondence.

5.1 RP listed the various items of correspondence received including;

Letter for Michael Lynch suggesting that the matter of the A770, Cloch Road was being ignored.

The email from Willie Wilson re. procedures..

Scottish Water are having a public meeting in Paisley on 9th March. CR will be attending.

An Invitation to a Planning Aid meeting in Aberdeen.

Letter from S McMillan MSP re. the A78

5.2 Other matters discussed.

The lack of lights and reflectors at Brueacre Junction.

Water pressure in Wemyss Bay.

Gullies filling with grit. The Chairman suggested writing to Inverclyde Councillors with a copy to the Community Council Secretary.

5.3 Planning Appeal Panel.

RP reported that the previous day, the new Local Review Board had overturned the refusal of the Green Waste application to which the Community Council had objected at the original application stage.

A very full discussion followed in which it was ascertained that Cllrs. Nelson and Rebecchi had voted against at the Appeal stage while Cllr Dorrian had voted for.

The Chairman had not received any notification of the appeal meeting and it was agreed he would write to the Council concerning this.

Further discussion followed on the constitution and procedures of the Local Review Board and whether these had been followed in this case.

A number of those attending the Community Council knew nothing of the initial application.

5.4 Email regarding the availability of Community Council minutes.

Harold McPherson said there currently was 3 months rolling availability of minutes. The Chairman suggested 12 months. Mr Lyons pointed out that all the minutes back to the very first were available on the Wemyss Bay Community site. It was agreed to keep 3 months minutes on the Community Council website and the secretary would make any previous ones available if required.

6. Treasurer's report.

RP reported that the current balance is £1172.28 with the notice board still to be paid for.

7. Planning Matters.

7.1 It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Cllr Dorrian regarding his support for the Green Waste application.

RP stated that the applications would no longer be sent out in hard copy but would have to be accessed online. Discussion followed on the Planning Department website and its ease of access.

7.2 Community Council Review

RP reported on the Consultation Process. He felt there were factual inaccuracies in the report and no real consultation was taking place. CR agreed there was a lack of information and he did not know who would now be running this with the retiral of some officers.

8. Meeting concerning the A78

The chairman gave a full report on the meeting including the commitment from Transport Scotland to set up a video surveillance. All the elected members attending had emphasised the dangerous nature of the junction at the north end of the village. Bankfoot junction and the Cloch road were also discussed.

9. AOCB

RP gave an update on the footpath at Home Farm

Amey have done short term repairs on pot holes including the Bankfoot junction.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in the Inverkip Hotel on Thursday 1st April at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm