

**INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**
Minutes of the Business
Meeting held on Thursday 4th of October 2012 at
Inverkip Primary School at 7pm

Present: Hugh Ritchie; Ron Potter; David Adams; Jean Anderson, Eileen Virtue and Tracy Bunton

2. Apologies for absence: Telfer Ramage, Mark Higginbotham (Inverclyde Council), Cllr G Dorrian, resident Avril Jones

In attendance: Cllr Ciano Rebecchi, Cllr Innes Nelson; Inspector Ian Wood, Sgt Anderson Community Police; and five members of the public

3. Police Matters

Inspector Wood informed that he was pleased to appointed to his new post and that either he or his colleague Inspector Brian Shaw intended attending future meetings with Sergeant Anderson or an officer based in the area. Insp. Wood and Sgt Anderson gave the following report:

- 11 reports made since the date of the last meeting; 1 report of violence and 4 reports of dishonesty.
- Police and Community Warden calls are reducing.
- 2 males have been apprehended in relation to the robbery at the Wemyss Bay Spar. Sgt Anderson acknowledged the high quality descriptions obtained.
- Traffic was successfully managed during phase 3 of 6 controlled explosions to drop the Power Station.
- Investigations including DNA and CCTV analysis are ongoing following break-ins at the Dental Practise and property in the surrounding area.
- Request was made for awareness to be raised to prevent opportunists and a reminder was offered to call Community Policing between meetings if needed.
- Insp. Woods informed that he will confirm the number of RTAs at Sainsbury's junction in time for the meeting the following morning with Transport Scotland, councillors & MSPs.

Insp. Wood offered to forward the full report to minute secretary who will circulate with minutes.

A request was made for IWBC to support and raise awareness of the Bogus Caller campaign.

It was asked that it be noted that the reference to the car theft in last report took place in Greenock and not in the IWBC area.

4. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 6th September 2012

Matters Arising

4.1 Email address and Website

Eileen offered to create a shared IWBC email address. Eileen, Jean and Tracy will take forward the changes needed to the website with Stephen Renton.

4.2 Kip Marina – adoption of roads

Hugh contacted Manor Kingdom who agreed to pass on the request to the relevant department. Specific matters such as lamppost repairs have been dealt with. Hugh will continue to monitor.

4.3 Litter - A78 – clearing of verges

Cllr Nelson informed that Inverclyde Council's Robert Graham has agreed to inspect the verges.

4.4 IWBCB grant

No progress to report although further assurance was offered to expect payment before the date of the next meeting.

4.5.1 Traffic and Roads – Inverclyde Council Report

Tracy provided the following report from Mark Higginbotham, Inverclyde Council:
Wemyss Bay - a speed survey of Ardgowan Road by the mini-roundabout has been requested, findings will be reported back.

Spey Road - resurfacing was planned for this year but had to be postponed because the budget was needed to repair the road collapse works at Dunrod Road. Spey Road is back on the priority list for next year, should Council committee approve it. The road markings would follow the resurfacing.

Road markings off the north bound trunk road to Ardgowan Road – a request will be made to have them repainted.

4.5.2 A78 – Speed and Bus Stops

Amey, Transport Scotland, MSPs have agreed to attend meeting on 5th October @10.00am in the Chartroom organised by IWBCB.

4.6 Community Grant Budget

Closing date has passed. Decisions will be made at Environment and Regeneration committee on 16 October 2012.

Minutes proposed as accurate by Jean Anderson and seconded by Ron Potter.

5. Secretary's Report, Correspondence and Resignation

It was with regret that Hugh informed that Gordon Roders recently resigned membership of IWBCB.

Hugh stated that unfortunately there was no response to his request for a volunteer to take up post of secretary. He stated he will carry out this role temporarily although not beyond December 2012. Correspondence received and discussed:

- Christmas Lights Switch On Friday 23 November 2012 (Inverclyde Council, Alison Smith) – request for suggestion for location
 - o **ACTION:** Jean to ask Church for permission to locate tree in front of the church and to use the hall for the entertainer
 - o **ACTION:** David to provisionally book entertainer
- Library (Inverclyde Council, Andrew Gerard) – informs 'portacabin' request for preferred option exceeds budget. Agreed option is a mobile library giving access in both villages over a temporary facility located in Wemyss Bay Primary.
- Daff Glen (Conservation Volunteers of Scotland, David Graham) –
ACTION Hugh and Eileen to meet to progress
- Dunrod Road to Re-open (Inverclyde Council) - road repair was the most costly in Inverclyde during the current year, to re-open 10 October 2012
- Community Council Liaison (Inverclyde Council, Elaine Paterson) – informs Peter McDonald, is new point of contact
- Membership - expression of interest (E Mackenzie) -
 - o **ACTION** – Tracy to respond informing nomination process with a copy of the nomination form.
- Planning: <http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/planning-and-the-environment/planning/planning-applications/application-registers-weekly-list>
- CVS- Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill – no response will be made by IWBCB to the consultation, all agreed with Hugh's findings.
- Remembrance Day Wreaths – Ron to order 2 wreaths following confirmation from Ciano – Jean to attend at Inverkip and David & Cllr Nelson at Wemyss Bay.
- SWRI donation request – not permitted by Inverclyde Council. Hugh to respond refusing request.

10. Treasurer's Report and Expenses discussion

Ron Potter reported that the CC's bank account balance remains at £388.83 at 4.10.12 – no expenses outstanding. IC officer Peter MacDonald to respond to questions about expenses policy.

Cllr Rebecchi reported that payment from IC should be expected within 10 days. Cllr Nelson raised concerns about the requirement for Community Councils to plan and monitor their budgets without their administration allocation.

11. Future Meetings

Ron suggested that future hall lets are arranged to 10pm. A discussion followed about the ability to finish meetings before 9.30pm however it was decided that having the extension to the let allows flexibility.

ACTION: Tracy to book school lets for meetings January 2013 – June 2013

ACTION: Eileen to make notice for notice-board asking that agenda items for forthcoming meetings are submitted to IWBC 7 days before meetings. Cllr Rebecchi suggested the notice include councillor's contact details. Eileen to circulate for comment.

12. Finnockbog Turbines

The location and dimensions of the 2 turbines subject to planning permission was discussed. Vote taken, majority objected to plans.

ACTION: Hugh to submit objection from IWBC.

13. Spey Road – Access to Finnockbog Road

This matter was raised because of unsafe state of fencing. It was agreed that IWBC would facilitate support if requested by residents. One resident raised concern about member of the public using her garden ground as a means of accessing the estate from Finnockbog Road.

14. IWBC Secretary Vacancy and member vacancy

It was agreed that 2 member vacancies require to be filled and that this needs to be done by way of a formal election process. It was also agreed that steps should be taken to co-opt 2 further members in the hope of spreading the load of our busy community council. Inverclyde Council's assistance would be requested with both these matters.

ACTION: Tracy to obtain a copy of the nomination/ election form and request Inverclyde Council's assistance with the filling of up to 4 vacancies.

ACTION: Tracy to raise awareness of vacancies via Inverclydenow, Greenock Telegraph and produce a notice for the notice-board.

ACTION: David to display the notice in Wemyss Bay Community Centre

ACTION: Ron to research the cost of a minute taker

ACTION: Tracy to find out Community Council documentation retention requirements.

15. Road Issues

ACTION: Eileen to submit list of roads issues to Inverclyde Council.

16. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 1st November 2012 at 7pm in Inverkip Primary School.

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