

# **INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Business Meeting**

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 at 7pm**

### **Inverkip Primary School**

**Present:** Hugh Ritchie; Ron Potter; David Adams; Jean Anderson, Telfer Ramage, Isobel Rennie, Liz Mackenzie, Eileen Virtue and Tracy Bunton

**2. Apologies for absence:** Cllr. G Dorrian, Avril Jones

**In attendance:** Cllr Ciano Rebecchi, Sgt Robin Gardiner; PC Barry McNeil, Mark Allen, (Green Company), three members of the public

### **3. Welcome to New Members**

Hugh welcomed Liz and Isobel to their first meeting as new Community Councillors and thanked Liz for agreeing to take on the role of IWBCB secretary.

### **4. Police Matters**

#### **4.1 Police Report**

Sgt. Gardiner provided a report for the period 27 November – 24 December 2012 informing a significant reduction in crime levels against the same time last year. The report is attached as Appendix 1.

#### **4.2 Road Traffic Speed – Spey Road, Inverkip and Ardgowan Road, Wemyss Bay**

Speed detection equipment was used again and again reporting average speed within tolerance.

#### **4.3 School Parking**

Parking around the schools continues to be problematic at the end of the school day. Sgt. Gardiner stated that extending parking on Zig Zags to a bookable offence is a decision for Inverclyde Council. He asked that incidents of illegal parking are reported to Strathclyde Police to investigate. A discussion followed about parking on Station Avenue/ Station Road/ The Kyles and all were in agreement of the need for parking restrictions, although recognise competing views.

**ACTION:** Hugh to discuss parking restrictions with Cllr Rebecchi after the meeting.

#### **4.4 Road Traffic Accidents – A78**

Sgt Gardiner agreed to Hugh's request to obtain more information about 4 road traffic incidents.

**ACTION:** Sgt Gardiner to obtain and report back with more information about 4 road traffic incidents on A78.

#### **4.5 Road Layout – A78 at Bridgend**

Cllr Rebecchi reported that the A78 at Bridgend is to be surveyed once more to gauge potential flood risk.

#### **4.6 A78 Sainsbury's Junction**

The functionality of the recently installed electronic signalling was questioned.

**ACTION:** Cllr Rebecchi to ask Amey to review functionality of recently installed electronic signalling

### **5. TGC, Green Company**

Mark Allen thanked IWBCB for allowing time to inform plans to locate a second wind turbine at Kelly Mains, more than 2 miles from residential areas. All energy will be sold to the national grid like the turbine already in use. The model is 30m (5m larger than the turbine already on the site) and is the same as those located at Finnockbog. He spoke about the Scottish Government's renewable energy policies, Inverclyde Council's support for green energy, regeneration of the farming industry and public demand. The next stage of the planning process including photographing the proposed location is still to start.

Hugh raised concerns about the visual impact on the residents of the Spey Road housing developments. Hugh explained that it had been the intention of IWBCB to object to the Finnockbog turbines although objection was not submitted due to administrative oversight.

## **6. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

### **Matters Arising**

#### **3. Sheilhill Farm**

Addition to minutes: Mr McIntyre indicated that he would consider applying for further permission to locate wind turbines to supplement the farm income.

#### **5.3 IWBCB Email and Website**

**ACTION:** David to contact Harold McPherson's family to make contact with him to access the IWBCB website.

#### **5.9 Community Council Records**

**ACTION:** David to contact Mr & Mrs Roders to retrieve IWBCB documentation and printer to deliver to Liz.

**ACTION:** Ron and Liz to arrange to meet to sift archived documentation, Hugh to review.

#### **9. A78 – follow up to meeting 5.10.12**

Hugh did not receive a reply to his email to Colin Broadwood, Transport Scotland, Cllr Rebecchi agreed to follow up requesting:

- Requesting a copy of the minutes of meeting 5 October 2012
- Providing details of November 2012 accident (pending receipt of information from Strathclyde Police).
- Asking for an explanation of what the new road signage indicates.

**ACTION:** Cllr Rebecchi to email Transport Scotland.

It was agreed that all other actions were cleared.

### **Minutes proposed as accurate by Ron Potter and seconded by Jean Anderson**

#### **6.1 Secretary Report, Correspondence and Resignation**

Liz provided the following report:

- Copy of letter from Cllr David Wilson, SPT Board member, to resident explaining SPT has no control over A78 trunk road.

### **7. Planning Matters**

- Application for the extension to planning permission for the development of former tennis courts into commercial premises.
- Application by Stewart Milne to erect 2 advertising signs on fencing above Inverkip train station. A resident present at the meeting shared information about the planning application and informed that objections have been submitted by approx. 8 residents. It was acknowledged that no community councillors had noticed the planning application. The application was discussed and the residents' objections were noted. Concerns were raised about the risk of future signage being approved at the same location. A vote was called to obtain IWBCB view on the application and while concerns were noted about the absence of a copy of the application and therefore all details of the application, IWBCB voted 5 to 4 to submit an objection to the application.

**ACTION:** Hugh to submit objection to Stewart Milne's application for planning permission for 2 signs to be located above Inverkip train station.

Eileen stated she was concerned that IWBCB had no notice of this matter and that all were unprepared for the debate and vote. Tracy confirmed with Eileen that the Inverkip notice board asks for agenda items to be sent to [IWBCC@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:IWBCC@yahoo.co.uk) 7 days before the date of meeting

**ACTION:** Tracy to ask Inverclyde Council, Legal Services to arrange for weekly planning list to be sent to Liz to circulate to IWBCB.

Weekly planning list:

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

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

Ron Potter reported that the CC's bank account balance at 8 January 2013 is £1361.02.  
Tracy has signed paperwork to become a signatory on IWBCB bank account.

## **9. Inverkip Facilities**

Telfer and Cllr Rebecchi gave the following report:

- It is hopeful that a planning application will be ready to be submitted by March 2013
- Funding – an additional £250k has been agreed by Inverclyde Council
- Inverclyde Council has made a request to residents to apply to join the Board of Directors.

Hugh asked if it would be appropriate for an IWBCB councillor to apply to join the board of directors. This was considered and Jean and Eileen suggested that membership of the board of the community facility is a commitment for individuals and even if inclined to apply, community councillors' responsibilities do not necessarily directly cross over to the operation of a leisure facility. No objections to these views were articulated.

All agreed with Tracy's suggestion that it should be noted that every effort will be made to foster good relations with the Board of Directors.

## **10. Inverclyde Council Budget Consultation**

Hugh and Ron represented IWBCB at the IC Budget Consultation meeting on Monday 17 December 2012. Hugh reported that while the event was very well presented, the task to complete the budget savings questionnaire was challenging.

## **11. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 7 February 2013 at 7pm in Inverkip Primary School.**

## **12. AOCB**

### **12.1 Road Condition – approach to the entrance to Sainsbury's**

Cllr Rebecchi reported that a road condition survey was about to be commenced in SW Greenock, Inverkip and Wemyss Bay and that he would refer this location for inspection to the team.

**ACTION:** Cllr Rebecchi to report the approach to the entrance to Sainsbury's to the road condition survey team.

### **12.2 Fly Tipping & Dog Fouling**

Cllr Rebecchi asked that he is informed of incidents with a note of car registration numbers and any other relevant information.

### **12.3 Beacon Arts Centre**

Resident asked that the investment in the Beacon Arts Centre is acknowledged and commended all involved.

### **12.4 Spey Road**

Telfer acknowledged that Spey has been patched on one side and there are plans to patch the other side.

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

## APPENDIX 1



Inverkip and Wemyss Bay  
Community Council Partnership Briefing  
Inverclyde  
From 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2012

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# Issues Raised

## Action Taken

## Crimes and Activity

For the 4 week period there were a reported **10 crimes**. This accounts for **2.1%** of the total crimes across Inverclyde. This is also a reduction of **76%** from the same period of the previous year.

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Greenock Central                  | 202 |
| Greenock East                     | 58  |
| Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton | 28  |
| Port Glasgow West                 | 57  |
| Port Glasgow East                 | 33  |
| Greenock Southwest                | 25  |
| Holefarm and Cowdenknowes         | 9   |
| Greenock West and Cardwell Bay    | 15  |
| Inverkip and Wemyss Bay           | 10  |
| Gourock                           | 32  |
| Kilmacolm                         | 6   |

Table 1: Crime reported by Community Council Area

| VIEW_DESC                                                | Total |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| GROUP 3 - Housebreaking (domestic)                       | 2     |
| GROUP 3 - OLP other than Motor Vehicle                   | 1     |
| GROUP 3 - Other Crimes of Dishonesty                     | 1     |
| GROUP 3 - Vehicle Crimes                                 | 1     |
| GROUP 4 - Crimes of Fire Raising, Malicious Mischief etc | 1     |
| GROUP 5 - Other Crimes                                   | 2     |
| GROUP 6 - Miscellaneous Offences                         | 2     |
| Grand Total                                              | 10    |

Table 2: Crime types in the area

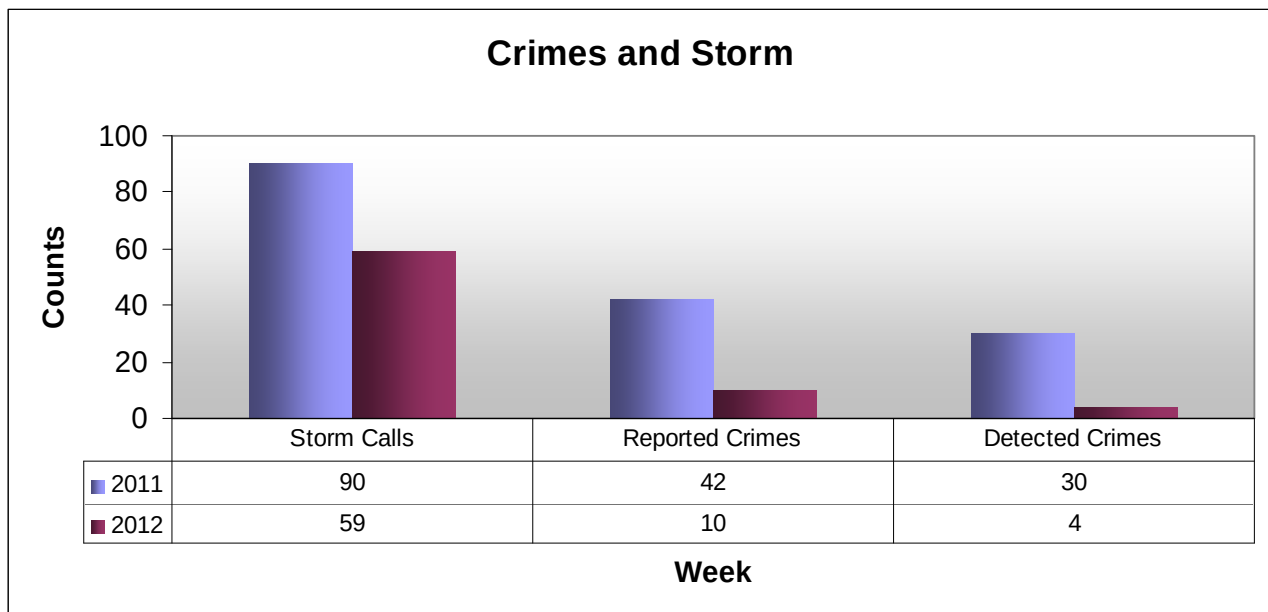


Chart 1: Yearly Change

|                     | 2011 | 2012 | Change |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|
| Storm Calls         | 90   | 59   | -34%   |
| Reported Crimes     | 42   | 10   | -76%   |
| Detected Crimes     | 30   | 4    | -87%   |
| Percentage Detected | 71%  | 40%  |        |

Table 3: Yearly Change Percentages

## Road Traffic Incidences

The total of Road Traffic Incidences was **4** for the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area. For the same period last year there were a total of **6**.

There were 3 Road Offences tickets issued.

## Fire Related Incidences

Strathclyde fire reported **no** incidences for the month of December.

## Community Warden Reports

There were no calls to the Community Wardens Service from Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area for the same period.

## Campaigns and Initiatives in the area