

# INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Business Meeting

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 at 7pm

### Inverkip Primary School

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

**2. Apologies for absence:** Jean Anderson; Cllr. C. Rebecchi; Cllr. I. Nelson; Insp. S. Adams

**In attendance:** Cllr Gerry Dorrian, Sgt Danny Godfrey, PC Ryan White, two members of the public.

### 3. Police Matters

#### 3.1 Police Report

Sgt. Godfrey provided a report for the period 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 informing crime in the area represented 1% of all of Inverclyde's reported crime. 59 calls were taken compared with 70 over the same period in 2012. Door to door enquiries are ongoing related to an incident of street robbery at Jacobs Ladder, Inverkip on 6 March 2013. Police vehicles from across Inverclyde arrived promptly at the scene and monitored traffic leaving the area. Investigations were complicated by a Scouts activity at the same time as the incident. Community Council Partnership Briefing from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 is attached as **Appendix 1**.

### 4. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013

#### Matters Arising

##### 4.1. A78 – follow up to meeting 5.10.12

It was agreed that recommending an additional sign below the electronic signals stating 'Approaching Junction' would indicate the Community Council's endorsement of the new signalling.

**ACTION:** Hugh to contact Colin Broadwood once more requesting minutes of the meeting 5.1.12.

##### 4.2 Archived Documentation,

It was agreed that Liz should purchase external hard drives to store current and ongoing documentation and all archived documentation with the exception of any irreplaceable documentation should be securely destroyed.

**ACTION:** Liz to purchase external hard drives and securely destroy archived documentation.

##### 4.3 Typing Corrections

'ver is needed' to be removed from Item 7.

**Minutes proposed as accurate by Liz Mackenzie and seconded by David Adams**

### 5.1 Secretary Report, Correspondence and Resignation

Liz reported receipt of an email relating to pharmacy provision. It was agreed that the point of the email was not clear so Liz will reply seeking clarification. IC committee reports received none of which were of specific relevance to IWBC.

**ACTION:** Liz to email requesting clarification of enquiry about pharmacy provision.

### 6.0 Planning Matters

Liz reported one application of significance since the date of the last meeting – Inverkip Community Centre.

It was agreed that Liz will print planning applications for circulation and reference at future meetings.

## **7.0 Treasurer's Report**

Ron Potter reported that the CC's bank account balance at 7 March 2013 remains at £1361.02. Ron stated he provided Bank of Scotland with a copy of the constitution and the minutes recording agreement for Tracy to be a signatory.

## **8.0 Inverkip Facilities**

Cllr Dorrian reported that the first sod will be cut by October 2013 with completion scheduled for May 2014. The Management Board comprises 3 IC ward Councillors and 5 residents. Legal matters are nearing completion to allow the committee to be established. Inverclyde Council have agreed to appoint an officer for a period of 3 years to secure funding for projects throughout Inverclyde to attract new residents and reverse de-population.

All were delighted to see the development progress.

## **9.0 Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 4 April 2013 at 7pm to be preceded by the AGM in Wemyss Bay Community Centre.**

It was agreed at the meeting to convene the AGM on 4 April 2013 however based on the announcement of the resignations and the logistics of filling vacancies the decision was taken by email between community councillors to move the date the AGM until 2 May 2013.

## **10.0 AOCB**

### **10.1 Notices of Resignation**

Telfer Ramage announced that he plans to resign from IWBCB after the meeting of 2 May 2013. He expressed concern about the direction of the community council and conduct of previous meetings with votes being taken in the absence of knowledge of wind turbine applications. Hugh expressed appreciation of Telfer's commitment and contribution to the community council, notably flooding matters at Hill Farm.

Ron Potter announced that after 28 years he plans to resign from IWBCB after the AGM with concerns that single personal agendas appear to be infiltrating the Community Council. Ron offered to complete the treasurer's paperwork for the end of the financial year and the AGM. Hugh expressed appreciation of Ron's solid and dependable commitment to the community council.

Hugh Ritchie followed this by stating that he was very sorry to be in the position to give notice to resign after 10 years of doing nothing other than working for the good of the community. He expressed anger about decisions taken at the last meeting in his absence and disappointed with new members' views eroding work done in the past by the community council around wind turbine stance. Furthermore he raised concern about Inverclyde Council's position/ attitude to the planning process for the redevelopment of the power station site.

Eileen responded that as Telfer was directing his comments mainly to her, she felt obliged to stress that neither she nor Jean have a personal agenda other than representing the community. Individual CC members' views do not always match but that was why a vote takes place. Furthermore she reminded everyone that she like other members took the time to read in detail the last planning application cited earlier under consideration at the meeting of 7.2.13 and reached what she considered to be her personal decision in support of the community. She also reminded Telfer that a vote of 8 CC members was taken at the last meeting on this issue, and this was the first time that a decision had been not to object to a wind turbine application. Ron stated that IWBCB will do what it can to support other Community Councils. Ron did not use his casting vote as chair to enable an objection to be lodged in that instance.

Liz went on to state her objection to the inference that new members are to blame for resignations.

Hugh noted appreciation of Liz and Tracy's work as secretary and minute secretary but felt it was time to step down.

Councillor Dorrian stated it is sad to see experience being lost and that new members will have learning needs.

Tracy will contact Inverclyde Council Legal Services in relation to the filling of the vacancies. It was suggested contact is made with those expressing interest in the past.

**ACTION:** Tracy to contact Inverclyde Council Legal Services in relation to the filling of IWBCB vacancies

## 10.2 Roads Investment

Cllr Dorrian was pleased to report that councillors agreed £17million investment in roads, pavements and street lighting with the aim to increase this by a further £12million over a 5 year period. The additional spend relies on raising capital which could include a Council Tax increase. He asked for priorities to road upgrading including pot holes. The following was suggested by IWBCB during the meeting:

Spey Road including overgrown vegetation on pavement; pavement leading down Langhouse Road from the church; Main Road through to the car park at Bongios; Ardgowan Road.

Langhouse Road from Langhouse Avenue, under railway bridge to new Langhouse Mews Estate absence of pavement – Liz to email Cllr Dorrian

**ACTION:** Cllr Dorrian to note and report IWBCB priority road improvements

**ACTION:** Liz to email Cllr Dorrian about absence of pavement at Langhouse

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:45pm

## ACTIONS SUMMARY - 7 MARCH 2013

| ITEM | NEW ACTION FROM MINUTES 7.3.13                                                                                                              | RESPONSIBLE               | STATUS                       |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4.1  | Hugh to contact Colin Broadwood once more requesting minutes of the meeting 5.1.12                                                          | HR                        |                              |
| 4.2  | Liz to purchase external hard drives and securely destroy archived documentation                                                            | EM                        |                              |
| 5.1  | Liz to email requesting clarification of enquiry about pharmacy provision                                                                   | EM                        |                              |
| 10.1 | Tracy to contact Inverclyde Council Legal Services in relation to the filling of the vacancies                                              | TB                        |                              |
| 10.2 | Cllr Dorrian to note and report IWBCB priority road improvements                                                                            | Cllr Dorrian              |                              |
| 10.2 | Liz to email Cllr Dorrian about absence of pavement at Langhouse                                                                            | EM                        |                              |
| ITEM | ONGOING ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 7.2.13                                                                                                         | RESPONSIBLE               | STATUS                       |
| 3.3  | Hugh to discuss parking restrictions on Station Road and Station Avenue with Cllr Rebecchi after the meeting of 7.2.13. Ongoing             | HR                        | Ongoing                      |
| 4.1  | Harold McPherson to transfer web master control to Eileen                                                                                   | EV                        | Ongoing                      |
| 4.2  | Ron and Liz to arrange to meet to sift archived documentation, Hugh to review and Cllr Nelson to organise confidential destruction. Ongoing | EMcK                      | Ongoing                      |
| 4.4  | Continue to monitor road conditions and the plan to resurface and solve drainage problems on Finnockbog Road                                | All                       | Ongoing                      |
| 11.6 | Send a report of fly tipping and dog fouling with photograph to Savilles                                                                    | EMcK                      | Ongoing                      |
| 11.7 | Request details of procedure to change co-opted members to full membership from Inverclyde Council's Legal Services                         | TB                        | Awaiting response<br>Ongoing |
| ITEM | COMPLETED/ REMOVED ACTIONS FROM MINUTES 7.2.13                                                                                              | RESPONSIBLE               | STATUS                       |
| 3.4  | Sgt Gardiner to obtain and report back with more information about 4 road traffic incidents on A78 discussed at January's meeting. Ongoing  | Sgt. R Gardiner           | Removed                      |
| 4.3  | Email to be sent to Colin Broadwood suggesting a sign below the electronic signals stating 'Approaching Junction'                           | Recipient of email from C | Removed                      |

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|      |                                                                                                                                                                                               | Broadwood    |                                                                                                 |
| 6.0  | Invite guests and publicise Wind Turbine discussion at IWBCC meeting 4 April 2013 in Wemyss Bay Community Centre.                                                                             | TB           | Removed                                                                                         |
| 7.0  | Confirm with Peter McDonald, IC Legal Services that IC provides insurance cover for IWBCC                                                                                                     | RP           | Completed                                                                                       |
| 11.2 | Find out from Education Services about children's out of hour's access to Wemyss Bay Primary School football pitch.                                                                           | Cllr Dorrian | No formal access arrangements, may be due to change to janitorial contracted hours<br>Completed |
| 11.3 | Request inspection of the condition of WB Community Centre car park                                                                                                                           | Cllr Dorrian | Completed                                                                                       |
| 11.4 | Find out about if yellow lines on Lomond Road outside WB Primary are enforceable and to request inspection of the condition of the markings at the mini-roundabout on Lomond Road, Wemyss Bay | Cllr Dorrian | Roads priority 13/14<br>Completed                                                               |
| 11.5 | Request expedition of plans to resolve drainage issues on Finnockbog Road.                                                                                                                    | Cllr Dorrian | Completed                                                                                       |

## APPENDIX 1



Inverkip and Wemyss Bay  
Community Council Partnership Briefing  
Inverclyde  
From 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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# Issues Raised

## Action Taken

## Crimes and Activity

For the 4 week period there were a reported **8 crimes**. This accounts for **1.7%** of the total crimes across Inverclyde. This is also a **50%** reduction from the same period of the previous year.

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Greenock Central                  | 184 |
| Greenock East                     | 56  |
| Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton | 43  |
| Port Glasgow West                 | 51  |
| Port Glasgow East                 | 30  |
| Greenock Southwest                | 29  |
| Holefarm and Cowdenknowes         | 12  |
| Greenock West and Cardwell Bay    | 21  |
| Inverkip and Wemyss Bay           | 8   |
| Gourock                           | 15  |
| Kilmacolm                         | 9   |

Table 1: Crime reported by Community Council Area

| VIEW_DESC                                     | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
| GROUP 3 - Housebreaking (domestic)            | 1     |
| GROUP 3 - Other Crimes of Dishonesty          | 4     |
| GROUP 3 - Vehicle Crimes                      | 1     |
| GROUP 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles | 1     |
| Unknown                                       | 1     |
| Grand Total                                   | 8     |

Table 2: Crime types in the area

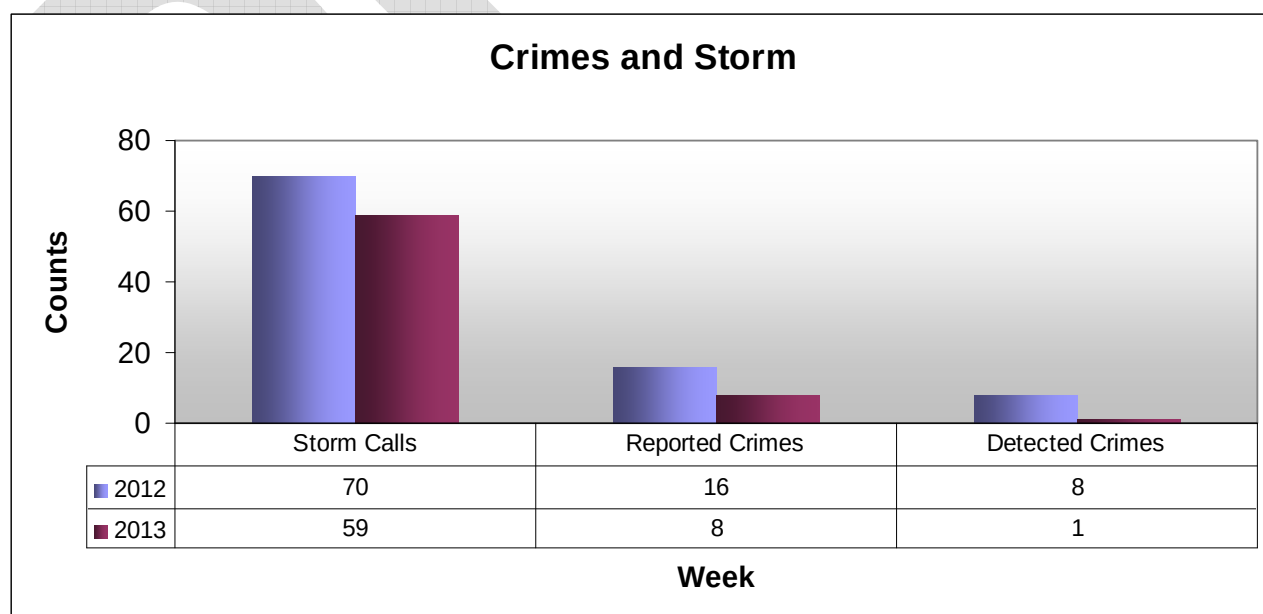


Chart 1: Yearly Change

|                     | 2012 | 2013 | Change |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|
| Storm Calls         | 70   | 59   | -16%   |
| Reported Crimes     | 16   | 8    | -50%   |
| Detected Crimes     | 8    | 1    | -88%   |
| Percentage Detected | 50%  | 13%  |        |

Table 3: Yearly Change Percentages

## Road Traffic Incidences

The total of Road Traffic Incidences was **3** for the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area. For the same period last year there were a total of **2**.

There were 2 Speeding Offences tickets issued.

## Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Related Incidences

Not supplied yet for February. However, for January there was one Accidental Primary Fire to a Road Vehicle.

Primary fires generally involve property and include buildings, caravans, motor vehicles and plant and machinery. Secondary fires are often minor and include the burning of rubbish, grass and derelict properties.

## Community Warden Reports

There were 6 calls to the Community Wardens Service from Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area for the same period.

| ASB Category            | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Intimidation/harassment | 1     |
| Nuisance Behaviour      | 5     |
| Grand Total             | 6     |

## Campaigns and Initiatives in the area