

**WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2004 at 7.45pm**  
**ROGUES ROOM, INVERKIP HOTEL**

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| <b>Present:</b> | Kirsty Donnelly | Bobbie McCabe    |
|                 | Iain Buchan     | Jenny Eaton      |
|                 | Elaine Blue     | Michelle Barratt |
|                 | Pamela Noble    | Allison Battley  |
|                 |                 | William Harrison |

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| <b>Apologies:</b> | Stephen McFeeley    | Liz Canning        |
|                   | Elia Roberts        | Lynn Thomson       |
|                   | Ken Roberts         | Jacqueline Murdoch |
|                   | Finlay McFee        | Susan McDonald     |
|                   | Anne Marie Cockburn | Denise Anderson    |
|                   | Pauline Smith       | Marion Maclean     |
|                   | Stephen Renton      |                    |

**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 Pamela Noble and seconded by Jenny Eaton.

**Treasurer's Report**

Stephen McFeeley was unable to attend and in his absence Pamela Noble confirmed that it had been a reasonable month for income although we do have a few customers with outstanding debts. We are making progress in chasing these people up and Kirsty was thanked for her help with this. Pamela confirmed that there was £27,256.85 in the bank and that the year to date income was standing at £6,592.25 (assuming all open invoices cleared). Pamela confirmed that the projected income for the full financial year was £10K to £11K. Pamela advised that the girls running the disco had requested funds for CDs and a new smoke machine. It was decided that money would be given to buy CDs and a new smoke machine and it was agreed that Kirsty would confirm how much they were looking for.

**Letting Secretary's Report**

Kirsty advised that bookings for parties were once again flooding in and again raised the issue of people available to put the bouncy castle up and down. This seems to be an issue which is raised frequently and again we would ask that anyone able to

add their name to a rota for putting the castle up or taking it down should contact Kirsty on 520738 - if there are enough people it means that you will only be called upon once every few weeks.

Kirsty advised that the youth club on a Monday night for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year pupils was at risk of closing due to lack of attendees. Liz Canning who runs the club is going to put out flyers and posters re-emphasising what facilities the club has. The Committee discussed this at length and agreed to fund an activity to try and entice 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> years to come to the youth club. Kirsty confirmed that she would speak to Liz to get more of an idea of what would be suitable and of how much an event may cost.

### **Secretary's Report**

Elaine Blue confirmed that we had received a letter from Brian Purdie at Inverclyde Council stating that they would like to use the Centre as a Polling Station to save disruption within the School and confirmed that the Council would be willing to pay £365 for the day. No date could be given at the moment the only information that they could provide is that it would be on a Thursday and that they would give as much notice as possible. The Committee discussed this at length and it was decided that Kirsty would contact Brian Purdie to confirm that the Centre could be used. Elaine confirmed that Stephen McFeeley had taken on a new job which would mean that he would be unable to attend the monthly Wednesday meetings and asked the Committee to consider changing the monthly meetings to a Sunday. The Committee discussed this and it was decided that next months meeting would go ahead on the Wednesday (as the Christmas light switch on was on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December) but that the first meeting of the new year would take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. We would try holding the meetings on a Sunday in the Community Centre for a trial period of three months and review things at that time. Elaine advised that it had been discussed between a few members of the Committee about the possibility of purchase a colour printer for printing flyers for all the different events. It was decided that Elaine should look into prices for printers and for refill cartridges and update everyone at the next meeting.

### **Facilities Manager's Report**

Iain Buchan advised that he had spoken with Ian Dyer regarding repairs to the floor and that he was to arrange a meeting with Ian. Iain also confirmed that he has spoken with Robert Jamieson regarding storage and again that he was to arrange a meeting with Robert. Iain planned to speak to Ian and Robert and arrange a time when they could all meet and advised that he would update everyone further at the next meeting. He also advised that to-date there had been no further progress on the possible drainage solutions for the pitch behind the Centre but that this was ongoing and that he would keep everyone up-to-date with

progress. Iain also advised that he had spoken with Hugh Meak, an electrician, regarding possible lighting solutions for the car park and entrance to the Centre and will meet with Hugh in the near future - Iain will update on this at the next meeting. Iain also advised that he had spoken with Jim Glass regarding trying to obtain a few benches and Jim confirmed that the Education Department would keep us advised of when benches became available, due to the closure of schools in the area. It was confirmed that Iain would look into new toilet roll holders for the gent's toilets.

### **Gala Day Report**

Anne Marie was unable to attend but Kirsty advised that the band had been booked for the evening and that next year the theme would be a barn dance as opposed to a ceilidh. Anne Marie was in the process of speaking to the caterers and would update more fully at the next meeting.

Jenny Eaton was confirmed as the Gala Queen Co-ordinator for next year and advised that she planned to speak to Mrs Ritchie in January regarding what events she had planned for next year in order for a gala queen to be elected. Jenny also advised that she had plans for an event to include the boys in next year's gala and that she was looking into having a writing competition with the winners being elected as Gala Day Journalists but that she would confirm details early next year.

### **Parent Group Representatives Business**

There was no business brought up by any of the parent group representatives.

### **Other Business**

Christmas Lights - It had been confirmed that the Christmas light switch on would be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Discussions regarding decorations took place and it was decided that new decorations would be purchased this year. The lights would be switched on at 6.30pm and thereafter drinks and nibbles would be available in the Community Centre. This year it had been decided to have a Santa's grotto within the main hall with each child receiving a small gift. Bobbie McCabe, Kirsty Donnelly and Anne Marie Cockburn would liaise regarding constructing something to be used as Santa's grotto.

Bobbie McCabe asked for a donation on behalf of the PTA towards their Christmas calendar and it was decided that a donation of £100 be given.

### **Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004 at 7.45pm in the Rogues Room of the Inverkip Hotel.