

**WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2006 at 7.00PM
WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:	Kirsty Donnelly	Elia Roberts
	Pamela Noble	Ken Roberts
	Elaine Blue	Donna Galvin
	Stephen McFeeley	Denise Anderson
	Iain Buchan	Ian Dyer (Inverclyde Council)

Apologies:	Bobbie McCabe	Jenny Eaton
	Michele Barrett	

Welcome

Kirsty Donnelly in the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending this year's Annual General Meeting.

Annual Report 2005/2006

Kirsty advised that once again this had been a very successful year for the Community Association and confirmed that the Centre is now one of the busiest in Inverclyde with regular lets, including the Nursery, Tiny Tots, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Junior and Senior Bible Clubs, Youth Club, Dance classes, Judo, Karate, Football and Sunday School, as well as now being used for the Brownies Country Dancing team rehearsals and also hosting the school Basketball and athletics. Outwith these lets numerous one off bookings fill most of the remaining space together with bookings for bouncy castle or disco birthday parties. In addition to parties and various meetings, other irregular lets have included parliamentary surgeries for both local MPs and MSP's and the Centre is to be used again next year as a Government Polling Station. Throughout the year a number of free lets were given for charitable fundraising events and this is something which we will continue to offer.

Kirsty confirmed that the Council had provided tea, coffee, mince pies, juice and crisps for last year's Christmas light switch on and extended our thanks to them for this. The Association decided to boost this by serving mulled wine and shortbread and having Santa in his fabulous grotto handing out 250 Christmas lucky bags to the children resulting in around 700 people congregating in the community centre after the switch on. The addition of a German Christmas Market ran by various user groups added to the festive cheer. Our thanks are also extended to the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council for providing a children's entertainer at this event.

The Annual Gala also surpassed those of previous years and once again it was decided to extend the event over three days starting on the Friday with a family themed fancy dress and music evening. On Saturday we had our traditional Gala Day, with lots of stalls, entertainment, displays, sideshows and fairground attractions that proved popular with young and old alike. Many more user groups ran stalls than in previous years, which, in addition to raising their profile within the village, also provided a welcome boost to their own individual funds. The fun and entertainment continued into the evening with a Family Disco Karaoke Night and the Sunday was turned over to the Ardgowan Football Development's Annual Prize giving, displays and tournament. An undertaking of this sort depends on an army of volunteers and by the time of the Gala the community had pulled together to provide a willing team of helpers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all on the committee who worked tirelessly for months in advance to ensure that everything ran smoothly on the day and made the gala the success it is.

Again this year, the Community Association has supported other good causes within the community. The Association was pleased to be able to donate, £250 to Alison Carmichael a local guider towards her trip to help in Malawai, and a contribution towards Wemyss Bay Woodland Associations annual Bulb Appeal.

Eila and Ken Roberts continue to excel in the writing/editing and advertising of the Village News which has expanded to a 16 or 20 page A5 booklet split roughly evenly between text and advertising and is making an excellent regular profit and our thanks to Liz Canning for taking over the running of the main distribution to the distributors.

My thanks are extended to those who hold the positions of Treasurer, Asst Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chair and Facilities Manager, filled by Stephen McFeeley, Pamela Noble, Elaine Blue and Ian Buchan, who again have worked tirelessly throughout the year.

Finally thanks must be extended to everyone involved with the Community Association, whether committee members, user groups, gala volunteers and members of the local community who make use of the centre or attend special events. Without all of these people we would not have an Association because we would not have a community.

Stephen McFeeley confirmed that at the end of 2005 the Association had just over £25,000 cash in the bank and by the end of March 2006 there was just over £35,000 making a net income for the year of £8,603. Stephen confirmed that Gala expenses were £10,600 – although overall we made a £1,700 loss for the Gala. Expenses for the printing of the Village News were just under £6,000. Gas and electricity costs for the year were £3,500.

The Committee then officially stood down and the meeting was then passed to Ian Dyer of Inverclyde Council. Ian Dyer congratulated the Association on their efforts over the last year and asked for nominees for the position of Chairperson. Kirsty was nominated by Eila Roberts and seconded by Denise Anderson and was again elected as Chairperson. Ian Buchan was elected again as Vice-Chair and Facilities Manager, Stephen McFeeley as Treasurer, Elaine Blue as Secretary and Pamela Noble as Assistant Treasurer all nominated by Donna Galvin and seconded by Denise Anderson. The meeting was then handed back to Kirsty as Chairperson. The four committee members were elected as Pamela Noble, Jenny Kelly, Annemarie Cockburn and Michele Barrett.

Ian Dyer commented that prior to last year's AGM there was uncertainty as to whether new Committee members would be found and that he is delighted that we, as a Community, were able to continue to run and manage our own Centre.

This brought the AGM to a conclusion.