

**WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH 2007 at 7.30PM
ROGUES ROOM, INVERKIP HOTEL, INVERKIP**

Present: Kirsty Donnelly
Elaine Blue
Iain Buchan
Bobbie McCabe

Jenny Eaton
Michele Barrett
Eila Roberts
Ken Roberts

Apologies: Pamela Noble
Stephen McFeeley
Donna Galvin
Caroline McDonald

Anne-Marie Cockburn
Denise Anderson
Alison Battley

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 Iain Buchan and seconded by Bobbie McCabe.

Treasurer's Report

Stephen McFeeley was unable to attend and in his absence Kirsty confirmed that open invoices to date were £4,065, cash in the bank was £33,995 and that to date there was a net loss of £484.

Letting Secretary's Report

Kirsty advised that she had been contacted by the Play Scheme which normally runs in the school during the summer holidays to ask if the Centre could be used – it was confirmed that dates would be advised.

Secretary's Report

Elaine Blue advised she had nothing to report.

Facility Manager's Report

Iain Buchan confirmed that work was underway in the car park and that new lights had been put in (although a digger had cut through the new wires but the problem had been fixed).

The blaze pitch to the side of the school was discussed – it had been proposed to make this into an astro-turf pitch although it now looks as though this may not happen and that the pitch will simply remain a blaze pitch – the Committee discussed this at length and it was decided that Iain would speak again with the Council and find out the difference in cost between re-blazing the pitch or making it into an astro-turf pitch and the Committee would discuss this again.

The Committee discussed again proposed sites for the portacabins to be used by the Nursery during the school decant – a site still had to be confirmed and it was agreed that Iain would contact the Eric Forbes to get this point confirmed as no Licence could be applied for for this years' Gala until it had been confirmed where the portacabins were going. Iain would also ask the Council for a finish date for the work in the car park.

Iain also advised that he had spoken again with Mrs Ritchie to confirm that the Centre did indeed have a facility for Broadband although no subscription was being paid at the moment and confirmed that if the nursery wanted to use this it would be up to the Education Department to pay for this.

Iain confirmed that he had spoken with Ian Dyer of Inverclyde Council regarding the problem with the front door of the Centre and that Ian Dyer had confirmed that this would be fixed/replaced.

Parent Group Representatives Business

No business.

Other Business

Following last month's meeting Ken Roberts brought along a sheet with some figures re. printing costs for the Village News and confirmed that although our printing costs had risen

over the last few months this was due to the Village News being bigger than in previous months and it actually worked out per page cheaper than it had been previously - we discussed again the possibility of using cheaper paper but it was thought that this would not be suitable for the adverts that are placed and wouldn't alter the price very much.

Gala 2007

It was confirmed that this year's Gala would take place over the weekend of 15th – 17th June 2007. This year's Friday night theme would be a Hawaiian Beach Party – ticket prices and times to be confirmed. Saturday would see an array of stalls and entertainment but the timings for the day would be altered slightly compared to previous years. The Gala will open at 12noon and run through to 8pm when it will close for the night. An array of stalls and entertainment will be available between 12noon and 5pm although the Marquee will remain open until 8pm serving drinks and some form of family fun/entertainment will be provided although exactly what has yet to be confirmed.

Further details re. box office times and ticket prices etc will be advised.

If anyone in the community is able to volunteer to help at this year's Gala please speak to any member of the Committee.

Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would take place at the Rogues Room, Inverkip Hotel on Wednesday 4th April 2007 at 7.30pm.