

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

Present: Kirsty Donnelly
Elaine Blue
Iain Buchan
Denise Anderson
Michele Barrett

Ann-Marie Cockburn
Allison Battley
PC Billy Gray
PC Jane Perrall
Willie Wilson(Inverclyde Council)

Apologies: Donna Galvin
Bobbie McCabe
Cheryl Cairns
Lynda Kelly

Stephen Renton
Jenny Eaton
Pamela Noble

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 Denise Anderson and seconded by Iain Buchan.

Treasurer's Report

Cheryl Cairns was unable to attend the meeting but it was confirmed that £37,506.27 cash in the bank.

Letting Secretary's Report

Kirsty advised that party lets were continuing to come in. It had been decided that there would be no bouncy castle parties in the Centre during the month of December given all the decorations etc. The Committee discussed two charity night lets coming up and it was agreed that free lets would be given to the Inverclyde Down Syndrome Society and also to the Scouts both for fundraising nights.

Secretary's Report

Elaine Blue had nothing to report.

Facility Manager's Report

Iain Buchan confirmed that the response facility on the alarm was still not working. Kirsty confirmed that she would speak again with Ian Dyer – it was confirmed that BT, Abel and the Council all need to speak together on this matter.

Iain confirmed that he would look again at costs for moving the two containers next to the nursery cabin – if a big enough space was left between them it was discussed that the large goal posts used by AFD may be able to be stored securely between the two containers.

Parent Group Representatives Business

No business.

Other Business

PCs Jane Perrall and Billy Gray attended the meeting in their roles as our Community Police within the Village. They confirmed that they had access to a Community Wellbeing Fund and that they had £500 available to a group or organisation which could use the money to benefit the community as a whole. Papers to apply for this money were left with the Committee to discuss further. Any application for these funds should be made before Christmas.

Bob Barr from Inverclyde Council attended the meeting. Bob is a Youth Work Manager at the Council and is responsible for organising universal youth services. Bob confirmed that although his team may not have a lot that they could offer the community financially they were willing to give any support they could. Bob confirmed that if we were able to get together some volunteers to run clubs/events that he would be willing to offer any help, support or training needed. Bob confirmed that he would be happy to come along and speak with parents and/or kids to give guidance on any activities that could be started to try and give the older kids within the village something to do.

Christmas Light Switch on

It was confirmed that this years' light switch on would take place on Friday 30th November with Christmas Carols around the Tree at 6.30pm with the light switch on at 7pm. It was confirmed that the tree would be placed on the grass at the top of the car park just before entering the car park.

As usual the Council will provide tea and mince pies for adults and juice and crisps for the kids.

The Committee will be offering it's usual mulled wine, with donations again going to charity (which particular charity will be confirmed).

It is hoped that Santa will be available on the night to make a special trip to Wemyss Bay to speak to all the children.

Unfortunately this year with all the work going on around the school there will be no German Market.

It was confirmed that there should be no parking in the Centre car park and that signs will need to be put up advising of this.

Gala 2008

The Gala was discussed again and the Committee were delighted to announce that Ann-Marie Cockburn was willing to take on the role as Gala Co-ordinator again. Initial details regarding the Gala were discussed.

Next Meeting

It was confirmed that an AGM would take place on Sunday 25th November 2007 at 7pm at the Community Centre followed by our usual meeting at 7.30pm.