

**WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 at 7.00PM  
ROGUES ROOM, INVERKIP HOTEL, INVERKIP**

<b>Present:</b>	Kirsty Donnelly	Michele Barrett
	Elaine Blue	William Rice
	Iain Buchan	Donald Sutherland
	Edna McKillop	Lynsey Halliday
	Ann-Marie Cockburn	Janet Innes
	Joseph Craig	Bobbie McCabe
	Pamela Noble	Donna Galvin
	Billy Harrison	Pauline Jackson
<b>Apologies:</b>	Julianne Neilson	Jenny Eaton
	Denise Anderson	Allison 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 Michele Barrett and seconded by Iain Buchan.

**Treasurer's Report**

Edna McKillop confirmed cash in the bank to date was £29,790.41.

Edna confirmed that, taking into account the grant received, this year's Gala only made a loss of £978 – the Committee discussed this and agreed that this was the lowest loss for the Gala to-date.

**Letting Secretary's Report**

Pauline Jackson confirmed disco and bouncy castle parties were continuing to come in. It was confirmed that the bouncy castle would need to be sent away for its annual service and that a two week period free of bouncy castle parties was needed.

Pauline advised that the Brownies were looking to use the bouncy castle to celebrate their 100 years and that they were also looking to hire the disco equipment although take it out of the village. The Committee discussed this and it was decided that the Brownies would be given use of the bouncy castle free of charge but that unfortunately the disco equipment would not be allowed to leave the village – if the Brownies did want to use the disco and DJs they would only have to pay for the DJs ... not use of the disco equipment.

Pauline confirmed that the Baby Sign Language class was due to start back again in September.

Pauline also confirmed that a Diet, Health & Wellbeing Class was due to start on a Wednesday afternoon in the Centre. This would run for a period of 10 weeks and would be free of charge .. it was hoped that a crèche facility would be provided. Pauline would confirm more details regarding this when she had them.

**Secretary's Report**

Elaine Blue advised noting to report.

**Facility Manager's Report**

Alex Hardie was unable to attend. It was confirmed that the handle in the disabled toilet was broken. William Rice confirmed that he would take a look at this.

**Parent Group Representatives Business**

No business

**Other Business**

It was confirmed that Catherine Low would no longer be cleaning the Centre ... Catherine would now be based over in the school. The Committee discussed the cleaning of the Centre and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to all user groups asking that they attempt to leave the Centre as they find it ... ie that they pick up any rubbish and sweep the floor etc after their let .. in an attempt to keep costs for a cleaner to a minimum – and therefore save any knock-on increase in let prices. Edna confirmed that she would speak with Paul McConnachie to confirm if the Association could employ someone and thereafter an advert would be placed in the Village News.

Iain Buchan confirmed that he had had a meeting with Ian Dyer at Inverclyde Council regarding the management of the new pitch. Iain confirmed that the park was owned by the school estate and would be

run by the Council. Monday – Friday between 9am and 6pm the Education Department would have use of the pitch. The pitch would then be open for use between 6pm and 10pm – any group wishing to book the pitch would have to contact the Booking office at Inverclyde Council and would have to go in person before making the initial booking to register their group. Groups under 16 will not be charged to use the pitch. Charges for groups aged 16 and over are: 16-25 £15.50 for 2 hours; and adults £30.50 for 2 hours. In addition groups wishing to use the floodlights will be charged £17 per session. The pitch will be monitored and locked at all times.

Iain advised that it may be that a community group may have to be set up to enable the pitch to be used by children in the village but that it may be that a steering group needs to be set up to look into this further.

It was also confirmed that the next step in developing facilities in the village was a MUGA (multi use games area) which would be situated next to the community centre and that this would be an open space and everyone in the village would have access to this.

Joseph Craig confirmed that he had spoken with the other DJs who run the disco and they had come up with an idea of having a youth disco – the Committee discussed this and initially agree this would be a good idea .. although age groups, frequency, costs etc would need to be discussed further. It was thought that this was a good idea and more discussion was need .. William Rice confirmed that he would speak with Joseph re. potential grant/funding from Youth Connections. When details had been confirmed an ad will be placed in the Village News.

It was confirmed that one of the tables borrowed from the Church to use at the Gala was damaged. It was decided that a replacement table be purchased .. Jenny Eaton was to find out where the table was purchased from and the Association would arrange a replacement.

### **Christmas Light Switch On**

It was confirmed that the potential date for the Christmas light switch on would be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Kirsty confirmed that she would email the Council with this date. Gifts from Santa were discussed and it was confirmed that the Committee should try to have a look for suitable gifts and discuss at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.00pm in the Rogues Room, Inverkip Hotel, Inverkip.