

INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting Held on Thursday 6th May 2004 In the Inverkip Hotel

Present: Lynne Chambers, Cliff Lyons (treasurer), Innes Nelson (chair), Ron Potter (vice chair) & Lorraine Marshall (secretary).

Apologies: Paul Maloney

In Attendance: PC Ian McAdam, PC Paul Renfrew, Mrs I Hunter, Mr P Wilkinson, Ms A Wallace, Ms C McFarlane, Mr R Hodge, Mr & Mrs Tinney, Ms C Little, Dr Chan, A Cumming, Mr & Mrs Grant, A Lynch, J Stewart, Mr & Mrs Wilson, Mr & Mrs Brown, Mr Ritchie & Cllr Forbes.

Innes Nelson welcomed all present. At 7.30pm the meeting was opened.

Proposed Mobile Phone Mast Wemyss Bay: 13 residents from Wemyss Bay requested the help of the community council in opposing the placement of a mobile phone mast within the grounds of the existing telephone exchange at Forbes Place Wemyss Bay.

The main objections given were health dangers, visual and amenity.

120 villagers had already signed a petition against this and many had already submitted objections.

They were not against the progress of mobile communications but a more preferable site could be sought within the local area, where the mast would not be so prominent and a safe distance from residents.

We agreed to gather guidelines from planning, find out if the neighbouring church has listed building status and submit an objection from the community council against this.

The closing date for objections was very close and Lynne Chambers was to contact the Planning Department to see if this could be extended as it has not yet appeared on a listing from the Planning Department.

Mr & Mrs Tinney will be the point of contact for us to forward information to residents.

Police matters: Figures for the period 01.04.2004 – 06.05.2004

Inverkip	79 Calls			
	False alarms	2	Messages	3
	Warnings	2	Road traffic accidents	2
	Assist Public	19	Fire	1
	Abandoned Vehicle	1	System Alarm Faults	3
CRIMES 17	Licensing Act	1	Theft of Vehicles	2
	Thefts	3	Offensive weapon	2
	Vandalism	2	Wilful Fire	1
	Breach of the peace	1	House Breaking	1
	Drugs	2	Reset	1

5 have been detected and enquiries are still ongoing.

Wemyss Bay	50 Calls			
	Complaint	1	Theft	1
	Advice	10	Minor Assault	1
	Non Crime	5	Fire	1
	Missing Persons	2	System Alarm Faults	3
	Key Holder Alarm Fault	1		
CRIMES 10	Housebreaking	4	Theft	2
	Disqualified Driver	1	Breach of the peace	1

The detection rate for crimes in the area is at 20%, which is in line with the national average.

They are looking for proposals and matched funding for local projects within the community as previously advised.

The shift patterns are to change back to the previous levels of coverage within the area of 8am – 2am.

Mr Wilkinson, Kip Store, Inverkip advised that without the help of the public it is almost impossible to stop underage drinking within the village, but they are making their best efforts to combat this problem.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 1st April 2004 were approved.

Matters Arising: Cllr Forbes had received a letter from the Chair Person of SPT who advised that the Railway Station at Wemyss Bay does require maintenance as we had previously advised.

Secretary's Report: Lorraine Marshall many correspondences had been received and dealt with.

She had written to B Purdie regarding taking up the insurance scheme as previously, also written requesting the library to be maintained at current or increased hours within Inverkip. Requested cheque for £15 from treasurer for Association of Community Councils Forum. We had been invited to the Kirkin' of the Council on Sunday 9th April and also have 4 complimentary tickets to the Gourrock Highland Games.

Treasurer's Report: No cheque book yet received from Bank of Scotland, and yet another mandate to be completed, resulting in payments still being outstanding to members. The invoices are mounting quite sizeably.

Newsletter/website/press matters: The next newsletter is due out at the beginning of June and the cut off for articles submission will be 15 May.

Planning Matters: South Lodge Wemyss Bay to be converted into 4 flats
2 Primrose Ave Inverkip extension
17 Undercliff Road Wemyss Bay new dormers
25 Primrose Inverkip 2 storey side extension

further information had been received from Mono regarding the mast which was all of a positive nature.

Busses: Mr & Mrs Prenteziss of Hill farm contacted a member regarding the reinstatement of Hill farm on a bus route. This inclusion was taken off when the subsidy ran out.

It is not viable for the operators to run a service to the Hill Farm estate.

The Largs – Greenock service 585 (McGill's) no longer comes through the village instead it stops at the marina on the A78.

In view of this and all the other bus routes that utilise the stops on the A78 at Inverkip, pressure to be applied in requesting a pull in for this facility.

Cllr Forbes advised that perhaps the people of ward 20 will get something back for their £2.8m revenue from Council Tax. ? a safe bus stance on A78.

Cllr Forbes and Cliff Lyons to continue this further.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 3rd June 2004 at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

Other Business: Mr Ritchie from Kip Village requested a résumé of the situation of the Greenbelt land swap within the village in particular fields 8&9 the back drop to the village and the "best view within Inverclyde". He felt that the planning gains proposed would be implemented over time if they are required anyway and the loss of this greenbelt would be despoiling the village.

He advised that Cllr Forbes did not appear to be representing his electorate in this issue.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11.15pm.