

**INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**
Minutes of Business Meeting
Held on Thursday 2nd September 2004
In the Inverkip Hotel

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

In attendance: Harold McPherson, Pc Kenny Wilson & Sgt D McCracken.

Apologies: Lynne Chambers & Hugh Ritchie.

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

Police matters: Sgt McCracken & PC K Wilson advised that PC Wilson is our new Community Officer and hopes to have the second officer appointed within the next two weeks. This will give us dedicated cover between the villages Mon – Fri 8am – midnight Sat 4pm – midnight and Sundays covered by the regular officers from Greenock & Gourrock.

Over the last 3 month period there had been recorded crime at the following rates:

Inverkip 17 crimes with 7 detections (41% detection rate)

Wemyss Bay 23 crimes with 8 detections (35% detection rate)

Main issues within the villages are disturbances mainly caused by youths.
Inconsiderate parking (this is partly the reason McGill's have stopped so many busses coming through the village)

Pc Wilson advised that the Police are looking for donations to purchase new bikes. His preferred method of policing within the village areas is by bike.
Funds at present do not allow this donation to be considered

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 5th August 2004 were approved.

Matters Arising:

BUSSES: Cliff Lyons has a letter from McGill's Busses to Duncan McNeil details of this and the whole issue to be published on the website Inverkip.com. where a poll will be taken with the hope of holding a public meeting on this issue.

The main issues seem to be the McGill's Busses run separate services at almost the same times through the village offering a duplicated service. The larger busses have been damaged due to the inconsiderately parked cars. This is costly for the bus companies.

There are many services for Glasgow/Ayr stopping on the A78 either at the Marina or opposite if pull-ins can be granted on this route then residents could make full use of these services. Also if the pull-ins on the PowerStation flyover can be re-instated.

Cliff is still undertaking to find out if this can be achieved.

Secretary's Report: Lorraine Marshall had dealt with relevant correspondence.

A Masterson has enquired again regarding the Right of Way at Hill Cottage. She understands that the Land has yet to be purchased from Stewart Milne, and this would now lie with the new owner of Hill Cottage to do so.

Innes Nelson will check the land registry for this information.

Lorraine to write to the Scottish Executive regarding Smoking in Public places advising that the Community Council are in favour of a ban being imposed in public places.

School holidays within Inverclyde are to be regulated so that the spring break falls on the 1st and 2nd weeks in April regardless of Easter and the Autumn break will be on the 3rd week of October. This will be effective from 2005

Email received regarding the collection of recycling materials from F Hamil who does not receive a service from Greenlight but uses the bins at the recreation park Understandably access has been difficult with the building works. The bins had been found to be

full/overflowing . Paul Maloney advised that he had also found this but he called the number on the bins and they were emptied promptly.

Treasurer's Report: Cliff Lyons advised that he is meeting Mr Gilroy at Inverclyde Council with the fully up to date accounts.

The current balance is £13.00

The expected grant is £1230.

Budget: expenses should be charged for including petrol for attending to Community Council business. This will be charged at the standard council rate of 40p per mile. Claims will be submitted at the following meeting and will be discussed prior to being considered for approval.

This will be reviewed after 3 months.

The Christmas lights switch on should continue to employ the services of an entertainer in Inverkip and perhaps Wemyss Bay also.

The laying of wreaths at the Remembrance Service will also continue.

Donations will be an area for discussion.

Newsletter/website/press matters: The next issue of the newsletter is due out in October and it is hoped that by this time the results of the PLI will be available. Lorraine Marshall to contact Cllr Forbes and Fraser Williamson to find out exactly when these will be available.

Planning Matters: 5 Hebrides Grove, Plot 78, Inverkip

Construction of 3 dormer windows and installation of patio doors by Manor Kingdom

92 Lomond Road, Wemyss Bay

Provision of rear extension to dwelling house by Mr and Mrs Fulton

The Langhouse, Langhouse Road, Inverkip

Conversion of Langhouse into 2 houses and construction of 11 houses within walled garden and tennis court by Langhouse Developments Ltd

The Langhouse, Langhouse Road, Inverkip

Alterations and conversion of Langhouse into 2 houses by Langhouse Developments Ltd

Ivybank, Main Street, Inverkip

Installation of replacement windows by various owners

Seaview Café, Shore Road, Wemyss Bay

Upgrading of kitchen and provision of extraction system by A Nardini

Marine Court Flats

Replacement UPVC windows

South Lodge Wemyss Bay

Re-registered application for two storey flatted dwelling of 4 flats

2 Mount Stuart Drive, Wemyss Bay

Relocation of boundary fence and erection of decking - following a site visit permission was granted for the decking, but the application for the relocation of the fence was refused because it would have a detrimental impact on the visual quality of the streetscape of Mount Stuart Drive

Kellybank, Wemyss Bay

Outline application for the proposed erection of two detached holiday chalets – former water filter station. 2 letters of objection and a petition bearing 36 signatures opposed the application, mainly because the site is in the Green Belt. The Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park manager objected but SNH believes impact on important natural heritage interests can be reduced to an acceptable level.

The recommendation was to agree to the application, subject to the applicant entering into a Section 75 Agreement under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act restricting the let to holiday purposes only – no protected tenancy could be offered.

Bongios Late Licence Application

This has now been withdrawn.

Constitution: This should be ready to be signed and submitted to Inverclyde Council.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 7 October 2004 at 7.30pm In Wemyss Bay primary school. Lorraine Marshall has contacted Inverclyde Council twice by telephone to request confirmation of this booking each time she has been assured it is in order but to date no confirmation received. Cllr Forbes to chase this up.

AOB: Mr Harold McPherson from Wemyss Bay had joined us with the intention of becoming a member and taking an active role within the community council.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm..