

INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting Held on Thursday 7th April 2005 In The Inverkip Hotel.

Present: Innes Nelson (chair), Lynne Chambers, Cliff Lyons (treasurer), Hugh Ritchie, Harold McPherson & Lorraine Marshall (secretary).

Apologies: Ron Potter (vice chair), & Paul Maloney.

In Attendance: Pc Lesley Strachan, Cllr Forbes, Mr & Mrs Mc Intosh, Allan and Elizabeth Cummings, A Maley, A Masterson, S Saurin, Mrs Fairhurst, Miss Kelly, D Brown, Julia McLellan & Isabel Hunter.

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

3 Police matters: Figures 03.03.2005 – 05.04.2005 Calls 103

DISORDER

8 Disturbances 3 Assaults 1 Domestic Incident

DISHONESTY

5 Thefts 7 Theft from Vehicle 3 Theft of Vehicle 1 Suspect Person 2 House Breaking

TRAFFIC

7 Abandoned Vehicles 2 Road Traffic Accidents 2 Drink Driver 6 Traffic Misc. 2 Vehicle Escort

MISCELLANEOUS

7 Damage To Property 3 Alarms 1 Fires 19 Complaints 13 Assisting members of the public and other agencies 2 Missing Person 1 Sudden Death 5 Misc. Calls

There were 11 crimes with 5 detections.

There has been a recurrence of disturbances on the footbridge over the A78. Calls of complaint have been lodged and police called to this.

There has been an increase in the numbers of calls for the area – this does not show a rise in crime but an awareness of vigilance.

An attempted murder took place in the Hill Farm area. The youths involved are from outwith the village and a report is now with the Procurator Fiscal in this regard. Included in their bail conditions is no entry to the village of Inverkip.

4 Hill Cottage Right of Way Inverkip Mr Saurin disputes that this is a public right of way. Cllr Forbes advised that Inverclyde Council have evidence from as far back as 1930's, which show this to be a public Right of Way, and as such can be enforced. Cllr Forbes is meeting on Tuesday coming with The Head of Planning and will be in a position to update all parties concerned thereafter.

Mr Saurin intimated that the Community Council had a hidden agenda in this case, Innes Nelson advised that the community council have no agenda in this and this has been on going for at least the last 5 years within the community council from when Cllr Campbell was involved.

5 Minutes: The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 3rd March 2005 were approved.

Matters Arising: 13/3 Landswap: Cllr Forbes advised that he had quoted from Mr Henderson's Report on the Local Plan, when he spoke at the council meeting on the 24th of February.

Recycling: Kip Marina – is classed along with the flatted developments of Inverclyde and will be introduced to the recycling system in phase 4, the rest of the village is included in phase 2. Cllr Forbes advised he would request Kenny Lang to contact Hugh Ritchie so that he can update the marina residents in this regard.

There is to be no kerb side glass recycling collection at present although Cllr Forbes expects this to take place in time. We had written to Kenny Lang providing additional points for glass recycling collections within both villages. To date we have received no reply.

It was also suggested that Inverclyde Council could supply users with a FAQ sheet. The Community Council advised that they had forwarded suggested level sites to Kenny Lang.
Londis : Litter picking has taken place in this area and there is an improvement.

6 Secretary's Report: L Marshall advised correspondences had been received and dealt with.

Inverkip Library has been closed on several occasions lately to cover other Libraries. This is an ongoing problem and Cllr Forbes would look into this, as we seem to be the first to close. The computers in the Library had been out of commission for the last 3 weeks even when the Library was opened. We have only a part time library service and it seems to be the last in line for priority.

7 Treasurer's Report: Balance £985.

As we are approaching the end of the financial year C Lyons advised that he required any outstanding expenses.

7.1 Expenses Policy: Cllr Forbes advised that Inverclyde Council provide crèche facilities where necessary to cover appropriate meetings. They do not have an expenses policy in this area.

8 Newsletter/website/press matters: The Spring Edition is ready to be printed and printing by an outside printer had been costed. As this is reasonable and will save time. It has been decided to take this route.

9 Street Lighting: This subject had been raised several months ago By Eta Scott of Allison Court. When the new streetlights were erected the old lamp standards have not been removed. Cllr Forbes to look into.

10 Planning Matters:

CARDELL: Planning permission has been refused due to the fact that the access road is not up to the required standard. An appeal may be made within the next 6 weeks to the Scottish Executive. A Future planning application may be made again at any time in the future.
SOUTH LODGE: The pillar on the side of South Lodge is Listed. The gates from the entrance have disappeared and Cllr Forbes and Innes Nelson to make enquiries in this regard.
BRIDGE END: This has not yet been raised at planning. Residents in attendance expressed concerns at the current condition of the Bridgeend buildings as these are the first impression you are given on entrance to Inverkip from Greenock. Cllr Forbes advised he would look into it.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

6 Harbourside Inverkip – Conservatory (previously refused on size now reduced) it is in the missives of these properties that they may not erect conservatories.

16 Swift Avenue Inverkip – Conservatory

1 Sandend Place Inverkip – extension

High Lunderston Inverkip – Entrance porch

Teal Drive Wemyss Bay – conservatory

8 Station Avenue Inverkip – Timber deck

Zone H Harbourside Inverkip - 4 dwelling houses amendment

2 Station Cottages Wemyss Bay - Rear Porch

74 Harbourside Inverkip – retrospective permission for erection of a shed.

SEAFIELD/TALL TREES - the proposed dwelling house in this gap site has been refused due to the size limitations of the site not providing an adequate garden space.

LONDIS – retrospective permission was granted for 2 illuminated signs. The Village store was previously not granted permission for such a sign and had to remove it.

IVY BANK INVERKIP – retrospective permission for replacement windows has been refused and is now at appeal with the Scottish Executive.

11 Date & Time of Next Meeting: 05 May 2005 at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

12 AOB:

1 BUSES: Cllr Forbes is meeting with all parties concerned on 03.05.2005 and will provide an update at the next meeting. It was impressed upon him again that the main area should really be a feasibility discussion rather than a costing exercise for pull-ins.

2 Vegetation is overhanging again in Langhouse road. The council can enforce cutting back of this.

3 Jacobs Ladder: the footpath down to the school from Beatock Place has been cleared but additional problems occur due to the overgrowth on the residents hedging.

4 Londis: The road/pavement here is still substandard. Jim Anderson Inverclyde Council is checking this on a daily basis.

5 Main Street at Hotel: Scottish water have advised that the pipe here is inadequate and this is why the road is in disrepair. This has been patched again and will burst at the next heavy rainfall.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.