

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 6th Sept 2007 at the Inverkip Hotel 7:30pm

Present: Innes Nelson; Ron Potter; Brian McArthur; Liz Roder;

1. In attendance: Cllrs Gerry Dorrian, Ciano Rebecchi, Ken Ferguson; Police Sgt Campbell Crawford, PC Billy Gray, Frank Campbell, John Logan and E McDade, Ward 3 CC, Clive Priestman, N Cupples, Mrs I Hunter, J Ramage, Cliff Lyons, Allan Marsh

2. Apologies: Hugh Ritchie; Lynne Chambers.

3. Police Matters: Sgt Crawford and PC Gray were in attendance representing Strathclyde Police. They presented a video showing some of the new initiatives currently being implemented in the Renfrewshire and Inverclyde area, stressing the positive aspect of police visits to schools and the kids' activities during the summer recess. Cllr Rebecchi congratulated the police on their efforts to reach children.

7. Planning Matters

Ron Potter stated that in the S Milne development, 135 homes could be built without the requirement of the pedestrian bridge over the railway, and that they may sell off the site to another developer. No one appeared to know about the 135 home ruling and most appeared very surprised by this.

There were comments about Redrow being the interested developer, and Cllr Rebecchi agreed to check with Planning. Many attendees voiced surprise and concern at the lack of transparency. For the planning gain sum of 600K UKP which was supposed to be in bond, Cllr Rebecchi agreed to check status and respond to CC. Councillor Rebecchi also stated that the money would acquire interest for the community. Also, for the money in bond for the bridge maintenance, Cllr Rebecchi will check this too.

Road Joining Spey road to Everton road is in very poor condition, Also, 'Jacob's Ladder' path. Traffic from S Milne site and the mud are causing concern to users of this route. Cllr Dorrian will investigate.

S Milne have been spreading lime over their site which is blowing over cars in the near vicinity. Cllr Dorrian indicated that Environmental Health are investigating lime dust issue and that Mr Middleton in Beatock Place had also raised concerns regarding this with Environmental Health.

Allan Marsh raised concerns regarding the fact that Finnockbog Road had been raised by at least 2 metres. He has also raised this with Inverclyde Council planning.

There followed a discussion on lack of community council say in planning decisions and reversal of Inverclyde Council rejected planning applications by Scottish Parliament.

4. August 2007 minutes were reviewed and approved by B McArthur. Seconded by Ron Potter.

5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence. These were presented to the CC meeting by Ron Potter for Lynne Chambers.

6. Treasurer's report. Ron Potter stated that the Community Council account is in credit by the sum of 1,279.21 pounds sterling.

8. Flooding. Newspaper article was presented by C Lyons showing drain overflow outside Inv Hotel. A regular occurrence, sometimes damages road surface and has also leaked into homes. Mr Lyons voiced concern for the future, as he believes that more houses planned will put more stress into the already inadequate drainage system.

Lynne Chambers contacted Scottish Water regarding this problem, but as yet the person responsible for this area has not been contacted. Cllr Dorrian agreed to talk to environmental health.

9. Bankfoot roundabout. Ron Potter stated that the camber problem has still not been resolved and also the infestation of weeds in the centre of the roundabout is an eyesore.

Cllr Dorrian agreed to investigate how to take these matters to Amey Roads.

10. Date of next meeting 04 Oct 2007.

11. AOB. Windfarm planning application for Inverkip currently on hold with Inverclyde Council Planning Department at the request of the applicant.