

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2008 in the Inverkip Hotel at 7.30pm

Present: Innes Nelson; Hugh Ritchie; Ron Potter; Harold McPherson;
Brian McArthur

Apologies: Lynne Chambers

3. Police Matters

11 reported crimes, 64% detected December 2007

9 reported crimes, 44% detected January 2008

The chairman proposed to hear a presentation from John Muir. For those not familiar with local news, John's son Damian was stabbed to death, an innocent victim of a random murder.

John proceeded to present some disturbing statistics on Inverclyde knife carrying and crime, and to introduce his 'Damian's Law', a plan to take a harder line on youths carrying knives.

John's presentation was heard with great interest by all present

4. There followed a discussion on the 3rd January 2008 meeting minutes

- Missing road sign on Spey Road. Reported, not yet rectified
- Scottish Water's representative Dawn McDermott has asked for all local issues in advance of any meeting

Stewart Milne Homes must make good any drainage problems resulting from their building work. It is claimed that Anchorage and South Lodge problems are resolved. Main Street drainage remedial work on hold due to lack of funding.

Name for new road in Milne development could cause confusion with Berfern Farm which could be a problem for postage and people not familiar with area. Berfern Road now changed to Lairds Dyke Road.

New notebook computer supplied to secretary. Invoice presented to Treasurer.

Wemyss Bay shops parking. Concern regarding road surface breaking up. Inverclyde Council has no power to force the resurfacing work on this private property, but are in discussion with property owners to work towards a resolution.

January 2008 minutes proposed by Ron Potter, seconded by Brian McArthur.

Community Council had received an email from secretary Lynne Chambers in Western Australia ... sends regards

5. Secretary's report and correspondence. All correspondence presented and kept on file

6. Treasurer's report. Community Council account balance £892.11

7. Planning matters

Relocation of sub station from Hill Farm to Finnockbog Road

Addition of security cameras in Wemyss Bay Holiday Park

8. Stewart Milne Development problems

The builder has apparently encroached onto land owned by local homeowners where they cut down their hedge. They are considering legal action to enforce the boundary.

Flooding problems into homes in Beatock Place. Bruce Middleton stated that he had discussed with the builder, and that they had denied responsibility. SEPA is now involved in the issue. They stated that the builder had contaminated the water table. Work was stopped at Jacob's Ladder, 5 Dec, flooding appeared again. The builder installed 'Silt Busters' on the site. In late January house basements on Kip Avenue became flooded. Builder responded by sending an engineer, (David Murray Surveyors) possibly not an independent opinion as they are the same company that prepared the plans for the site.

Everton Road breaking up and was littered with broken polystyrene blocks, also large pool of water at top of Finnockbog Road beyond railway bridge again issuing from the Stewart Milne site.

Plans for new railway presented by Innes Nelson. Discussion followed, many comments on the size of the elevator

9. Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 6th March 2008

10. AOB

AGM discussion. Inverclyde councillor advised of new Community Council system coming into force June 2008

Inverclyde Health 'Have Your Say' in James Watt Campus