

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2008 in the Inverkip Hotel at 7.30pm

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

1. The chairman welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.
2. Apologies: Hugh Ritchie, Lynne Chambers, Liz Roders
3. Police matters.

Total of 11 reported crimes, 36% detection rate

6 acts of vandalism – 4 detected
2 thefts by opening lock fast place – 1 detected
1 theft not otherwise classified
1 theft from a motor vehicle
1 theft of a motor vehicle

In a detected act of vandalism case restorative justice was implemented, and all officers in the area are now being trained in restorative justice. At the moment Allan O'Hare is in charge covering the Gourock area as Campbell Crawford is now working outwith the area.

John Muir updated the community on his progress with Damian's Law which, after amendment, went before the council and was unanimously passed. It has now been circulated to all councils in Scotland and will be forward to the Scottish Government. John has also had meetings with the Provost and police representatives. Bus companies are going to carry posters of a website where members of the public can add their names to a petition. The Community Council will also put a poster with details on the Inverkip notice board.

Website details: www.gopetition.co.uk/petitions/damians-law.html

4. There followed a discussion on the 7th February 2008 meeting minutes.

Wemyss Bay shops parking – an Inverclyde Council tender has been accepted by the owners and repairs will be carried out. Councillor Dorrian will investigate whether Council repairs will be of an adoptable standard and if the Council will adopt the parking area or not. It was also noted that the Wemyss Bay doctors' surgery is being extended and will be closed for the next six months. This means parking will not be available in that area when repairs are taking place at the shops.

The replacement sign for Spey Road has been ordered.

It was also discussed that the surface of Finnockbog Road is being damaged by lorries delivering to the Stewart Milne site. Inverclyde Council is to check the position on this.

Brian McArthur will contact Inverclyde Council regarding drainage problems at Primrose Avenue at Bogside Farm.

The February minutes were proposed for acceptance by Innes Nelson, seconded by Ron Potter.

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

Report received on Inverkip Public Consultation held on 29th of November 2007 at Inverkip Primary school.

Letter from SNH regarding Shiellhill Glen SSSI enhancement.

Letter from Scottish Health Council with report on Annual Assessment of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde – Public Partnership Forums.

6. Treasurer's report. Community Council account balance £455.56

7. Planning matters

Applications for –

CCTV at Wemyss Bay railway station

Relocation of electricity sub station at Hill Farm, Inverkip

Alteration to house at 47 Castle Wemyss Drive, Wemyss Bay

Erection of a one and half storey extension at Seafield, Finnockbog Road, Inverkip
Recreation Park – permission for shops on community tennis courts passed by Councillors
Names of road within Stewart Milne site also passed.

8. Stewart Milne development flooding problems.

Flooding problems into homes in Beatoch Place – John Arthur from Inverclyde Council Safer Communities was in attendance to discuss the flooding problems.

Bruce Middleton reported that Richard Mowat, Environmental Health officer from Inverclyde Council, had held a meeting with Stewart Milne. They have also had discussions with Railtrack regarding erosion issues under the railway behind Beatoch Place. SEPA engineers have also been consulted regarding the control of water from the site.

At one point the situation was exacerbated when the pump was moved from behind the west end of Beatoch Place to alleviate flooding under the railway at the east side of Beatoch Place.

All drainage works on the site should be in line with the 'Water for Scotland' publication. Stewart Milne's architects had stated on all indicative drainage plans that this would be the case. However 'Water for Scotland' states the developer should provide a plan of how drainage will be dealt with during construction. The Community Council had mentioned this in its objection but as yet has not seen a copy of that construction drainage plan. John Arthur from Inverclyde Council agreed to investigate whether a plan had been prepared and submitted to the Council in line with 'Water for Scotland'.

The builder has now agreed to remove silt and pump away water from the site. Common Law nuisance could be instructed against Stewart Milne for damage being caused to homes and gardens.

9. Date and Time of next meeting: Thursday 3rd April 2008

10. AOB

After a discussion on the new all weather pitch which was planned for Wemyss Bay, Councillor Dorrian agreed to find out what had happened to the £40k grant that was being allocated.