

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 04 February 2010 in the Wemyss Bay Primary School at 7.30pm

Present: Hugh Ritchie; Ron Potter; Harold McPherson; Brian McArthur, Liz Roder.

In attendance: Cllr. Dorian, Cllr. Nelson, Cllr. Rebecchi, M Anderson, A Anderson, E Virtue, C Lyons, J Anderson, A Forsyth, A Wallace, B Blacklaw, N Cupples, G Anderson, D Adams.

1. The chairman welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

2. **Apologies:** Lynne Chambers, on holiday abroad.

3. Police matters.

12 reported crimes, 33% detected 01/01/2010 – 01/02 2010
Detail list provided

**4. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2009.
Matters Arising:**

There followed a discussion on the 07 Dec meeting minutes.

Cllr. Rebecchi raised issues concerning the Lib/Dem leaflet and a subsequent letter from the Community Council to him. He went on to criticise that apparently there were no subsequent minutes regarding the issue of the letter to him. Hugh Ritchie indicated that it is not necessary to minute every ad hoc meeting e.g., policy discussions. He stated that the matter would be fully discussed with Cllr. Rebecchi at a separate meeting when the Secretary returns from holiday.

Cllr. Rebecchi also raised the issue of a member of the Community Council being involved in an article published in the Greenock Telegraph. Ron Potter replied that as the CC was invited, he felt it his duty to attend, and he was unaware that other Inverclyde councillors were not invited. B. McArthur suggested at this point that this issue should be taken off and discussed at another meeting, not the business meeting. It was agreed that this also would be discussed at a separate meeting on the Secretary's return.

Ron Potter proposed the Minutes as accurate, seconded by Harold MacPherson.

5. Secretary's Report and Correspondence (Ron Potter for Lynn)

Cllr. Rebecchi assured the meeting that reciprocal funding from Inverclyde Council was in place to meet the £600,000 already agreed with the developers for the development of a new community centre.

Ron advised the meeting that anyone can obtain details of meetings and attachments via Inverclyde Council's web site.

Brueacre Junction. It was reported that many of the junction's reflectors are missing, causing a potential hazard to traffic.

Footpath at Play Park on Stuart Milne estate.

A discussion took place regarding the erection of a fence at the play park. It was stated that Fraser Williamson has said that the land belongs to Stuart Milne and has therefore suggested approaching the builder to see if they will open a gap in the fence. It was felt that they would not be willing to carry out any additional work without some kind of planning amendment and that the cost implications are unlikely to be met by Stuart Milne.

Agenda of Council Meetings.

Other flyers eg
Transport Scotland
Inverclyde Licensing 'Curfew'
Traffic regulation
Policy and Resourcing 09-10 Feb

6. Treasurer's report

Finance dept have audited IWbcc accounts for previous year and have approved.

No recent expenditure.

Current account is 1190.35 pounds in credit.

7. Planning Matters

Ardgowan House change of use to Hotel

Inverkip Marina, Chartroom, addition of 3 windows.

Forbes Place, removal of existing wheelchair ramp, for new one.

Green Waste processing site. It was stated that a probable objection to the planning refusal was likely. However Councillors not aware of any objection lodged to date.

8. Report on Inverclyde Council meeting on Community Facilities

Ron Potter referred to emailed invitations from W. Wilson regarding the meeting held on 20th January at the Business Store. Hugh indicated that we need to ensure representation for all parties. I.C.E. objected to this saying that IWbcc do not attend when invited to their meetings. Hugh said that that this had occurred due to insufficient notice.

There was concern from I.C.E that many groups using the Pavilion are not being represented in the current Planning meetings for Inverkip. Cllr. Rebecchi said that the number of groups needs to be limited as it will become difficult to manage. Hugh will discuss possible future inclusions with Aubrey Fawcett.

9. Road Gritting

During the recent bad weather it was found that many gritting boxes were empty. Harold had asked for an additional grit box in Wemyss Bay. It was also noted that some Inverkip grit boxes had remained empty for a long time. The meeting was told that anyone passing the Depot at Inchgreen could pick up max 2 bags of grit (bags not supplied). Cllr. Rebecchi was adamant that the council were doing the best possible job bearing in mind the current adverse weather.

On the subject of roads, the meeting was informed that Duncan McNeil MSP will chair a meeting on 18th Feb 1600-1800 hrs in the Chartroom. The meeting would discuss the A78 report by Amey on behalf of Transport Scotland. Attendees will be MSP's, Inverclyde ward Councillors, IWBCC Councillors, and representatives from Transport Scotland and Amey. It was pointed out by the Inverclyde Councillors that due to full council meeting that day, no Councillor would be able to attend. Cllr. Dorian undertook to advise Duncan McNeil in order that the start of the meeting could be delayed until 7.00pm.

10. Co-Option of members

There were 2 individuals present who wished to join IWBCC namely: Brian Blacklaw of Inverkip (Chairman of the Kyles Resident Association) and David Adams of Wemyss Bay (Formerly a member of Wemyss Bay CC).

They were voted on unanimously as co-opted members and this allows them to have full voting rights.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Next business meeting is planned for 04 March in Inverkip Primary School.

12. AOB

Car parking facilities at the Pavilion have been reduced due to mobile taxi advertising signs being installed. It was stated that the land belongs to Mr. Giovanecchi and it was agreed that enquiries would be made by Inverclyde Councillors to determine if the proper permission had been attained. IWBCC notice board in Inverkip has fallen over. It was agreed that this must be fixed as a priority to prevent possible safety incidents. Concern was voiced over the number of road potholes; Cllrs. stressed the importance of reporting them, and any repairs which don't last, as the Council don't want to pay road contractors for shoddy work!

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.