

WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2005 at 7.00PM
WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:	Kirsty Donnelly	Elia Roberts
	Pamela Noble	Ann-Marie Cockburn
	Elaine Blue	Donna Galvin
	Stephen McFeeley	Jenny Kelly
	Iain Buchan	Michele Barrett
	Ian Dyer (Inverclyde Council)	Allison Battley
		Billy Harrison

Apologies:	Ken Roberts	Finlay McFee
	Denise Anderson	Lorraine McFee
	Bobbie McCabe	

Welcome

Kirsty Donnelly in the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending this year's Annual General Meeting.

Annual Report 2004/2005

Kirsty advised that once again this had been a very successful year for the Community Association and confirmed that the Centre is now one of the busiest in Inverclyde with regular lets. Outwith these lets numerous one off bookings fill most of the remaining space together with bookings for bouncy castle or disco birthday parties. In addition other regular lets have included parliamentary surgeries for both local MPs and MSPs and the Centre was also used as a Polling Station for this year's election. The Centre was used during the mobile breast screening programme in the village and throughout the year a number of free lets were given for charitable fundraising events.

Kirsty confirmed that the Council had provided tea, coffee, mince pies, juice and crisps for last year's Christmas light switch on and extended our thanks to them for this. The Association decided to boost this by serving mulled wine and shortbread and having Santa in his grotto handing out 200 Christmas lucky bags to the children resulting in around 700 people congregating in the community centre after the switch on.

The Annual Gala also surpassed those of previous years and started on the Friday night with a family Country and Western evening continuing on Saturday with our traditional Gala Day with lots of stalls, entertainment, displays, sideshows and fairground attractions. The fun and entertainment continued into the evening with a family disco karaoke night. Sunday was turned over to the Ardgowan Football Development's Annual prize giving, displays and tournament. An undertaking of this sort depends on an army of volunteers and by the time of the Gala the community had pulled together to provide a willing team of helpers. There is no doubt however that the success of the weekend was due to both the increased financial support from Inverclyde Council, our fundraising car boot sale and the excellent organisational skills of Annemarie Cockburn.

During the course of the year the main hall floor was totally refurbished and new flooring put down in the entrance vestibule, kitchen and toilets. A new laptop was purchased to aid our Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer in their duties, allowing most invoices to be e-mailed.

During the year the Association supported other good causes within the community donating £500 to the PTA, £250 to the Nursery Lending Library and contributing towards the Wemyss Bay Woodland Association's annual bulb appeal among others.

Ken and Elia Roberts continue to excel in the writing/editing and advertising of the Village News which has expanded to a 16 page A5 booklet and the distribution is still wonderfully controlled by Annemarie Cockburn.

Unfortunately in January of last year our Secretary, George Anderson, became ill and underwent major heart and further surgery. While he has made a good recovery he reluctantly had to stand down as Secretary and Facilities Manager and our Treasurer, Finlay McFee, also decided to stand down after 4 years but still staying on in committee member capacity. These positions were filled with Elaine Blue as Secretary, Iain Buchan as Facilities Manager and Vice-Chair and Stephen McFeeley as Treasurer with the added position of Assistant Treasurer being taken by Pamela Noble.

This year Finlay McFee has decided to stand down as a committee member and Annemarie Cockburn as Gala Day Co-ordinator due to other commitments, although both have confirmed they will continue to be of any assistance they can. The Committee extends its thanks to them for their commitment over their time in office.

Finally, thanks must be extended to everyone involved with the Community Association – without all of these people we would not have an Association because we would not have a community.

Stephen McFeeley confirmed that the accounts for the Community Association had been audited this year by Rosalind Woolard. Stephen further confirmed that the total income for the year 2004/2005 was £27,746.31 and confirmed that spending was £23,214 leaving a net income of just over £4,500. The main expenditure over the year was depreciation of laptop, kitchen, bouncy castle etc. Stephen confirmed that Gala expenses for 2004 were £6,725. Another large expense is for the printing of the Village News of £5,472. Two major purchases in the year were the laptop which was almost £800 and refurbishing the floor in the main hall which cost just over £2,000. Stephen confirmed that at the end of March 2005 there was £23,465.26 cash in the Association's bank account.

The Committee then officially stood down and the meeting was then passed to Ian Dyer of Inverclyde Council. Ian Dyer congratulated the Association on their efforts over the last year and asked for nominees for the position of Chairperson. Kirsty was nominated by Eila and was again elected as Chairperson. Ian Buchan was elected again as Vice-Chair and Facilities Manager, Stephen McFeeley as Treasurer, Elaine Blue as Secretary and Pamela Noble as Assistant Treasurer. The meeting was then handed back to Kirsty as Chairperson. The four committee members were elected as Pamela Noble, Jenny Kelly, Annemarie Cockburn and Michele Barrett.

This brought the AGM to a conclusion.

Acceptance of previous minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Donna Galvin and seconded by Annemarie Cockburn.

Treasurer's Report

Stephen McFeeley confirmed that cash in the bank at the moment was £31,700 and that there was £6,385 of open invoices but advised that a large part of this was due to all quarterly invoices being issued within the last week or two. Stephen confirmed that net income to date is £8,500.

Letting Secretary's Report

Kirsty advised that two new full time lets had been taken on – a kid's art club which runs between the dancing class and the karate class on a Saturday afternoon and a senior Bible class which runs on a

Monday night after the junior Bible class. Kirsty advised that the after-school basketball for primary 4 and up takes place in the Community Centre and advised that no charge is made to pupils who attend. After discussion with the Committee it was agreed that no let charge be made to the school for the use of the Centre for basketball at least until the summer of 2006. Kirsty confirmed that bouncy castle and disco parties were not as frequent as the used to be but that parties were still being booked. The Committee discussed a letter which had been received about the possibility of setting up a badminton club and it was decided that this was to be looked into more closely and discussed again at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report

Elaine Blue advised that the PTA wished to pass on their thanks to the Committee for their recent donation of £500.

Facility Manager's Report

Iain Buchan confirmed that he was looking into the outside lighting.

Christmas Light Switch On

The Christmas light switch on was discussed and details confirmed. The lights would be switched on on Friday 2nd December in the school grounds with carols at 6.30pm and the light being switched on at 7pm. Thereafter tea, coffee, mince pies, mulled wine etc would be available in the Community Centre. Once again Santa will be handing gifts out from his grotto to pre-school and primary school aged children. It was decided that, depending on weather, a mini Christmas market would be set up just outside the entrance to the Centre.

Parent Group Representatives Business

Billy Harrison from the Karate Club advised that he had a few seniors in his club and that he proposed to run an extra training session for these seniors once every four weeks. The Committee discussed this and it was agreed and Billy also confirmed that he would look into the possibility of a group insurance policy and revert to the Committee.

Other Business

It was decided that in the new year that Committee Meetings would alternate between the first Sunday of the month and the first Wednesday of the month allowing more people to attend the meetings.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Sunday 4th December 2005 at 7pm at the Rogues Room, Inverkip Hotel.