

INVERKIP & WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Business Meeting Held on Thursday 8th January 2004 In the Inverkip Hotel

Present: Ron Potter (vice chair), Lynne Chambers, Cliff Lyons (treasurer), Innes Nelson (chair) & Lorraine Marshall (secretary).

Apologies: Paul Maloney

In Attendance: Cllr Forbes, Julie Nelson, Sgt Stewart

Innes Nelson welcomed all present. At 7.30pm the meeting was opened.

Police matters:

Crime figures for the period 08.12.2003 – 08.01.2004

71 calls.

3 crimes (1 detection) (1 assault & 2 thefts)

4 complaints

3 Assisting Public

1 sudden death

9 road Traffic Accidents

1 Drink Driver

1 abandoned car

1 traffic other

1 fire alarm

1 raid alarm

5 Alarms

2 Disturbances

1 domestic incident

1 message delivery

2 thefts

1 house breaking

1 suspect person

1 assisting other services

At the next meeting we will be given combined figures for both Inverkip & Wemyss Bay.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Business Meeting held on 03 December 2003 were approved.

Matters Arising: Lorraine Marshall to chase the time table of facts from Fraser Williamson. Cllr Forbes advised that Neil Graham is now in charge of all grass cutting. The cutting program is in place for the new season which starts in April. Improvements should be noticeable in the locality.

Secretary's Report: Lorraine Marshall advised that we had received little correspondence over the festive season. The form advising that we will appear at the Local Plan Enquiry was duly completed and returned. Other correspondence was mainly of a promotional nature.

Treasurer's Report: No funds yet from Brian Purdie. Although he had previously assured that they would be available.

Cllr. Forbes to chase this up and advise. Request for paper from Inverclyde Council was unforthcoming as this could not be donated to us and would have been deducted from our grant.

Brian Purdie confirmed that the current banking arrangements could remain with the account name changing to Inverkip & Wemyss Bay Community Council. A new account need not be opened.

Newsletter/website/press matters: The next newsletter is due out at the beginning of March. The date for articles to be in for this is 15 Feb. Emails had been received from Peter Wilkinson of the Kip Store advising of local vandalism and he wished for this to be in the next issue. As Kilmacolm have CCTV this if it came with cable to Inverkip would be beneficial. Innes Nelson agreed to write the next editorial.

Cllr Forbes is to liase with David Cairns regarding the poor TV signal received within Inverkip unless you live in Main Street area.

Planning Matters:

Planning applications have been received by Inverclyde Council for the following:

Inverkip –

Replacement windows – 2 Alexander Place

2 storey extension – the Anchorage Main Street

5 new houses – Mill House Road

1 single storey extension - Fraserburgh Place

replacement windows – Bridge Daff Main Street

Mobile van at viewpoint Mrs Benson has in an appeal.

Wemyss Bay –

Multiple occupancy - Kishorn Road

Leven Road 51 trees with preservation orders have been removed by Quigley once area developed these trees will be replanted where they previously were.

New Name: Inverkip & Wemyss Bay Community Council was decided upon. It was noted that ward 20 extends much further than the built up area.

Constitution: Prior to forming a new constitution we wish to see the previous ones for Inverkip & Wemyss Bay. Lorraine Marshall to request these from Brian Purdie. It was felt that the example one given was rather loose and would lessen our powers as a statutory body.

Further discussion on this will take place at our next meeting.

Wemyss Bay: As we lack representation in this area we are to seek a piece in the Wemyss Bay News advising that we are here for their benefit. Put up a notice in the Wemyss Bay spar. It might also be beneficial to hold some meetings in the Schools at Wemyss Bay and Inverkip.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: 5th February 2004 at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

Other Business: Spey Road when heavy rain falls this becomes flooded at Finnockbog Farm farm. The road runs with water which crosses the road. This could easily cause aquaplaning into the oncoming traffic flow. Cllr Forbes to have this checked out.

Scottish water have left bags in Spey road after their recent works. Lorraine Marshall to request Brian Purdie to have these collected by Inverclyde Council.

Greenbelt release local plan. Once again this was discussed at length.

The main points being:-

Objections from the first draft local plan received 44

Objections from the amendment to the local plan 186

186 is more than double the total number of objections received at the first draft for the whole of Inverclyde.

What will Inverkip Gain from loosing greenbelt? As nothing is guaranteed at this stage it is fair to assume that this would be similar to previous developments where gain has been minimal.

Stewart Milne has advised their sales staff that construction further up the hill towards Leapmoor will not proceed even if fields 5,6,7,8&9 are not released for development.

Lynne Chambers to query the density of proposed housing on the greenbelt land with Fraser Williamson.

Would another Public Meeting be beneficial at this stage? Cllr Forbes has not attended any Public meeting on this topic. If a public meeting was held we should write to the Reporter advising of the findings at the meeting.

A78 Bus stop Stagecoach will not bring the bus into the village and therefore there is no safe stop on the A78. There is no provision to supply a safe place to stop for busses on the A78 due to costs involved.

Paving - Poor pavements are to be looked at and if funding allows they will be repaired. There may be funding at the end of the financial year.

Frozen water - Scottish Water have not fixed the stop tap on the pavement at Bridge Daff Cottage which is leaking and had frozen over the pavement and road. Cllr Forbes to chase this.

A78 Signs – The addition of Castle View to the road signs is being queried with Amey by Cllr Forbes and he awaits their response.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.20pm.