

**MINUTE OF INCHTURE & AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
INCHTURE ON THURSDAY 2nd MAY 2013**

PRESENT Mr T Woodford, Mr D Henderson, Ms L McFarlane, Mrs C Allan, Mr S Kelly-Barton

APOLOGIES Ms A Ramsay, Mr P Henderson

IN ATTENDANCE Cllr J Roberts

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the previous meeting was read; acceptance of the minute was proposed by Mr D Henderson and seconded by Mr T Woodford

POLICE & FIRE

PC Brian Simpson from Police Scotland attended the meeting. PC Simpson made the meeting aware of recent thefts in the Errol area of oil from fuel tanks. He suggested some simple things such as gravel round the location of the oil tank or prickly bushes should be considered by anyone with an oil tank to deter thieves.

A speed boat was stolen from Main St. in Inchtire, enquiries are ongoing.

PC Simpson is moving to Perth and is to be replaced locally by PC Mark Stewart.

A member of the public asked if the amount of cars parked at Inchtire PS had caused any problems and if there was anything the police could do to reduce the amount of cars parked there. PC Stewart explained that as there were no parking restrictions in place there was nothing that could be done as none of the cars were parked illegally.

ROADS AND TRANSPORT

There is no word yet from BEAR Scotland regarding the overgrown trees which are restricting the view of drivers on the Inchtire flyover following the meeting between T Woodford and their landscaping department.

Questions were asked regarding signage on the road leading from the Inchtire Flyover. A member of the public asked if there should be a mini roundabout sign at the top of the slip road as this would slow drivers down. Concerns were raised regarding the sign at the bottom of the flyover and the road leading to Ballindean as it is obstructing the view of drivers. T Woodford is to investigate and report back.

TWINNING

Preparations for the 20th Anniversary celebrations for August 2013 are continuing. Hosts are currently being sought for the large number of French visitors who are expected. The AGM is being held in The Inchtire Hotel on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30. A briefing for the hosts will take place at the meeting. 54 visitors are expected from Fleac and a further half dozen or so from Marktbreit which is also twinned with Fleac.

The application for funding to assist with the cost of the anniversary celebrations which is being forwarded to Perth & Kinross Quality of Life Trust is in the process of being completed.

An exhibition and conference on the theme of sustaining local communities in climate change is being held in The Inchtore Hotel on Friday 23rd August between 2.00 and 5.00. This is being followed by a barbeque in the evening.

INCHTURE COMMUNITY FUND PANEL

No further meetings of the panel have been held. There is still around £14,000 available immediately as well as the £120,000 which is ring-fenced for the MUGAs at the school.

INCHTURE COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX

This is still under discussion and a user group has been set up to determine what exactly will be built.

PLANNING

The application for the test mast on the Bandirran Estate has been approved at committee despite more than 20 objections. Banks Renewables are to be invited to a future meeting of the council and Scotland Against Spin are also to be invited to a different meeting to here both sides of the argument. A leaflet from Banks was delivered to houses throughout the area describing what the project entailed. It is now a case of waiting to see the application for the turbines once it is submitted.

Several members of the public approached the Community Council regarding the houses being built opposite the Hotel in Inchtore as they thought that they were too high. A visit from the Planning Enforcement Officer from Perth & Kinross Council has confirmed that the houses are within the agreed tolerances. There is still concern as to whether any lasting damage has been done to the trees on the site during the early excavation and filling work. An outside specialist is to be consulted to investigate this. The right of way will be opened again once the first of the 2 houses has been completed. Cllr Roberts is to investigate if planners are told when building work is due to commence as this would help ensure that any planning conditions are met.

There are no other local applications which are contentious.

BRAES OF THE CARSE GROUP

No further word on the grant which was applied for from The Tay Landscape Partnership.

TREASURER

The account balance is £1,015.83. The balance of the Special Project Fund is £138.64.

The financial year end for all community councils is to be standardised to 31st March and all expenses are to be handed in to the treasurer prior to that date using the expenses form which will be sent to all members.

EDUCATION

The extension at Inchtore PS has been agreed and apart from some minor fine tuning will go ahead in this form. The work is scheduled to be finished by August 2014. The MUGA's will be looked at separately but it is envisaged they will be started once the extension is finished.

It is likely that pupils attending Harris will have difficulty getting to Rockwell during the 3 year decant.

PARKS, LEISURE, TREES & ENVIRONMENT

There is still no news on the Tree Protection Order which was applied for the trees in Westown.

A.O.C.B.

S Kelly-Barton is to contact 3000RPM in Dundee to investigate the cost of a lap-top computer to improve the running of the council in the event of change of councillors and to centralise all communications with outside bodies.

Rossie Priory Cricket Club raised over £400 at their recent quiz night.

The next meeting is being held in Inchtore Village Hall on Thursday 6th June at 7.30

Followed by a meeting in Annat Hall Rait on 5th September at 7.30

Members of the public are encouraged to attend these meetings to have their say in the running of our community.

There are currently 2 vacancies on the council and anyone interested in becoming a community councillor should contact the secretary via the council website, www.inchtore.com or come along to a meeting