

The Gateside and District Community Association
Minutes for 8th September 2011

1. Present: Bobby Thompson, , Jane Macnaughton, Susan Jack, , Kate Fernando, Sandra Farrar, Katharine Farrar, Maureen Andrews, Frankie Carslake, Sue Whisler, Teri Gillan, Donald Lothian
2. Apologies: Alan Wright, David Cowling, Emma Morgan, Valerie Weir
3. Minutes –proposed by K Fernando, seconded by S Farrar- adopted
4. Community matters: **Action points**
 - a. J Macnaughton thanked Donald Lothian for the new traffic light pedestrian crossing next to the Hall. M Andrews to contact Gordon Hughes to see if it is possible to increase the time allowed to cross to allow all the children to cross at one time. **MA**
 - b. The pothole half way between Gateside and Burnside is breaking up again. **DL**
 - c. D Lothian advised there can not be a weight restriction applied to the A912 as it is an A class strategic link to Perth, this would be over-restrictive and unenforceable. Committee asked D Lothian to advise Roads that this road is crumbling at sides again on outskirts of village **DL**.
 - d. The Alcohol Free Zone Bye law is in a back log at Fife Council and it is unclear if concerns in Falkland will affect its progress. T Gillan reported finding litter at the car park for Johns Knox's pulpit indicating a gathering with alcohol. D Lothian advised this would not be covered as outwith boundary.
 - e. The Speedwatch scheme is being rolled out after a trial. 6 local people could be trained to carry out speedchecks with a radar gun. The contact is PC Gordon Cameron. Details of speeding traffic would be passed to police for a letter. Agreed to publicise in newsletter for volunteers. **JMc**
 - f. Maintenance of the path along the stream to the Mill was discussed. It is not known who should maintain, T Gillan will check details on the sign at the Mill. It may be the Ranger service might help. **TG**
 - g. It is planned to plant cherry trees at each end of the village. D Lothian to advise who in Fife Council should be contacted for permission. **DL**
 - h. The planning application for the proposed Caravan Site has not yet come to Committee. D Lothian will advise in advance of this. D Lothian advised Planning are carefully considering all issues before reporting to Council, advised not to reply to current developers rebuttal of all concerns. **DL**
 - i. T Gillan raised concerns that Strath Hall car park is not available to park in for walkers or to allow disabled access to the walk up to Falkland woods. T Gillan to approach Strath Association regarding this. **TG**

5. Report from refurbishment sub committee

Current projects include:

- a. Repairing gutters and roof flashings £4500 estimate. Grant application has been made to Fife Environment Trust for 90% of cost. Hall would need to find £450 towards repair.
- b. New lighting has been investigated. We have a grant of £2000 from the Postcode Lottery but it is likely to cost about £1500 more to do well. Committee agreed go ahead to work, with balance to come from funds and fundraising. **SMJ**
- c. New stage curtains to include: stage curtains; pelmet; frill (in black) at front of stage; refurbishment of track and installation; curtains in same material for each window in main Hall - £1548. As this supplier can refurbish track and supply window curtains it was proposed to go with this. Funding applied for from Coop -£1100. Alternatively 2 for 1 Fife Council. **SW**

6.Events committee report

- a. Hannah Phillips has joined this committee and will write community piece for the Herald.
- b. Gateside Gallop- very successful first race with 61 runners. Estimated to raise around £270. Thanks go to Sue Whisler for all her organisation and to WRI and everyone who baked and helped. Thank yous to be written to landowners and prize givers. Rosies photos to go to Sue for write up. **SMJ** Very positive feedback from runners.
- c. Xmas Fair date tbc. Ideas for stalls welcomed. Contact Teri Gillan

d. New idea for fundraising through a night out at Kerachers Fish restaurant. If we pre-book for a Monday night between 30-50 places, each pay £20-25 per head and Hall receives half of this, plus we run a raffle. Hannah Phillips is coordinating for late October (24th)/ November (7th) tbc. Advertise in newsletter

7 Treasurers report

Unavailable as Emma is unwell. £8427.63 in bank on 1.8.11 including postcode lottery £2000.

8 AOB

- a. S Farrar advised of anti-social behaviour towards her neighbour in Bower Park. Children/teenagers have been verbally abusive to a vulnerable adult. Additional bad behaviour has included gardens being trampled, cars damaged, eggs thrown. Agreed M Andrews should consider ways of tackling this through the school and that it should be referred to Community Police by the Association or the school. **MA/ JMc/ SMJ**
- b. After school club is not to go ahead due to lack of numbers.
- c. Radiator at hatch is loose and needs repair **AW**
- d. Heating is still off just now.
- e. Pilates starts next Tuesday 13.9.11.
- f. Plan to produce calendar of village photos for fundraiser.

Next meeting 13th October 2011 7.30pm