

Gateside & District Community Association
Minutes 12 January 2017 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Present: Jane Macnaughton, Andrew Macnaughton, Hannah Phillips, Kathryn Wright, Bobby Thompson, Teri Gillan, Leah Phillips

In attendance: Cllr Donald Lothian

Apologies: Bryan Morrice, Babs Bernard, Bill Gillan, Frankie Carslake, PC Kristin Bellingham, PC Graeme Whittaker, Susan Jack, Cllr Andy Heer, Grace Cronie

Minutes Proposed: Kathryn Wright Seconded: Jane Macnaughton

Community Matters

1. PC Kristin Bellingham sent through a police report. There has been some suspicious activity with potential criminals posing as workmen in Newburgh. Residents are asked to report any activity they think might be suspicious so that the police can check if it is legitimate.
2. Residents are asked to please complete the survey at www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts
3. The area committee meets next week to discuss transport works including the planned upgrade of the A912. The road is to be closed for 4-6 weeks and repaired at a cost of around £517,000. The repairs will be up to the Fife boundary line.
4. Bus shelters on the A91 have been reported to contain rubbish and need maintenance – DL to check on feedback.
5. Grit bin at hall has been purchased. DM will install it. Thank you, David. Fife Council cannot fill the new bin without reallocating the space from an existing, less well-used bin within the ward.
6. Gaps in broadband coverage – the 2018 community involvement to bear fruit. Fife council surveyed the area to locate gaps in coverage.
7. DC wished to strongly re-iterate his point surrounding the issue of Old Town being classed as a “private road” by Fife Council and refuted this claim in strong terms. None of the road is currently maintained including the potholes and street lighting.
8. A suggestion was made that street lighting could be easily reduced at night between midnight and 5am. This is an environmental issue and could be a significant power saving. DL to check on this and also on whether the lights could be dimmed instead.
9. Steps at the mill path have been partly replaced but there is still some work to be done. No railings in place. BM to please chase up the construction company. The final report / application has been sent.

Hall business

The oil tank could have regular deliveries / top ups from Brogans Fuels to avoid running low. BG to please investigate.

The school no longer require the hall on Tuesdays for PE. We may need to have more fundraisers in 2017 to compensate. Suggestions included an 80's disco, a quiz night and a race night. HP to launch poll on Facebook.

Website – Andrew will move this to a Wordpress site to help market the hall for commercial gain. Fife Business Forum may be able to help with this.

Pinboards are to be sourced for around the hall walls. JM will get quotes.

Events

- Seniors Christmas Lunch. This was a success and much enjoyed by all. Thanks was received from various sources and this feedback was great to hear. Thanks to KW and HP for organising. Hopefully this will happen again next year.
- Burns Night 2017 - MG's group require 6 weeks notice for a ceilidh/Scottish evening. Funds to be split between school/hall. Dates in March to be suggested and agreed. School bank balance healthy so a suggestion was made that the school's share of the funding could be put towards a free event for the children of the village, i.e. a cinema afternoon or disco. Ticket priced agreed at £5 for adults and £3 for children, with a family ticket at £15. Same format as the ceilidh, with space for dancing.

Bank balance – this was unavailable due to the process of a change in treasurer.

Next meeting: 9 February 2017.