

Gateside & District Community Association  
Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 7.30pm Memorial Hall

**Present:** Grace Cronie, Babs Bernard, Frankie Carslake, Hannah Phillips, Susan Jack, Bobby Thompson, Emma Morgan, Donald Lothian, Kathryn Wright, Sue Hogg, Gill Donald, Beryl Cowling, Sue Whisler

**Apologies:** Teri Gillian, Kate Fernando, Valerie Weir

**Minutes Proposed:** Grace Cronie, Seconded; Bobby Thompson

### Community Matters

1. Water on Station Road –Fife council have begun work with the pipes, but as the inspector from the Gas National Grid did not attend work has been put on hold until he can be present on the site. Meanwhile the road remains passable.
2. A free standing litter bin was relocated to Bower Park on a trial basis. This seems to be working well.
3. Pot holes in the Old Town. With the road being “unadopted” the residents have now been advised they will also have to pay for any repairs required to the street lighting. **DL** advised that the budget for public spending on private roads has been cut to nil. Gateside is not alone in this, with many other villages also having unadopted public roads. The housing service would provide financial contribution on a pro-rata basis for any repairs.
4. Recycling Bins. Fife Council had advised they would be removing the bins altogether as they were no longer prepared to pay a fee to have them sited on the hall car park. Alan Stewart has kindly agreed to waive the annual fee for which we are most grateful.
5. Speeding. The issue of speeding at Cowiefaulds was raised, and it was asked if the council could draw attention to the turn off in that area in order to help raise awareness on this stretch of road for users who are turning off the main road or trying to join it. We have had consistent help from Fife Camera Partnership regarding speeding in the village and this continues, for which we are grateful. Residents who see lorries or company vehicles speeding are encouraged and urged to take note of their registration numbers and the names of the companies involved, and to pass these on to the community association. These will be sent to **DL** and will be investigated, and the companies contacted. School parents are also asked for their help with this matter.

### Refurbishment.

- Painting on hold until damp dries out after rendering. **RF** to please take moisture meter reading asap. It was agreed that the heating in the hall should be left on at a low setting to see if this can help with the condensation problem, as the price of oil is currently lower than it has been in the past. The damp can then be cleaned off and repainted with bathroom/anti-mould paint. It was noted that the boiler is due a service soon.
- The floor is due to be repaired.
- A clean up of the hall cupboards and afternoon of decorating for Halloween (“Hallow-clean”) has been scheduled for **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm till late**. Volunteers are required to come along and help with the clear up, as there is a lot to throw away. Please make space in your diary! **SJ** has volunteered a horsebox to transport the rubbish to landfill. Please bring some food to share and there will be coffee and refreshments when the work is done. Children welcome.
- SCVO have been in touch about an energy audit, to save money on energy bills. **SW** to see if they have received correspondence from **EM**.

### Events

- Film nights: Annie! went well with a good attendance and was enjoyed by all.
- The Gateside Gallop was a great success and raised £693. Many thanks to the SWI for their baking and all the other volunteers who helped in various ways, marshalling, baking,

helping with registration, organising children's races, washing dishes and of course all those who ran! Feedback from the runners was very positive.

#### Forthcoming events

- It was decided to have a Community Coffee Afternoon as a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the hall, with all proceeds going to Macmillan. Donations of baking and tombola prizes would be most welcome. Everyone is welcome to come along and support this worthy cause. The WI will be asked to judge the baking and there will be a prize for the best cake! Volunteers to help put flyers through doors should get in touch with Hannah.
- Next film night to be Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, for Halloween, title to be confirmed.
- The Village Children's Halloween Party will be on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The party will be held from 5.30-7pm and all children of the village are welcome to attend. Bring a plate of food to share and some spooky clothes. There will be lots of fun and games.
- The possibility of a Burns Supper was discussed, but it was decided that Hogmanay celebrations would appeal to a wider range of people and that this should be looked into first. Norma to be asked about Buttons and Bows.

Treasurer report Bank balance £9779.22

Next meeting 8.10.15 at 7.30pm