

Gateside and District Community Association
Minutes of Meeting 11th April 2013, held in the Memorial Hall

Present: Teri Gillan (in the Chair), Sue Whisler, David Cowling, Kate Fernando, Hannah Phillips, Frankie Carslake, Grace Cronie, Bobbie Thompson, Sandra Farrer, Kat Farrer
In attendance: Cllr Donald Lothian

1. Welcome
2. Apologies from Norma Robertson, Jane Macnaughton, Andrew Macnaughton, Valerie Weir, Susan Jack, Alan Wright, Katherine Wright, Emma Morgan
3. Minute of last meeting proposed: Kate Fernando, second Hannah Phillips
4. Community Matters:
 - Refuse lorry Old Town – DL reported lorry cannot reverse route through Old Town as entry into street would mean swinging out on to wrong side of A91
 - Serious hole in road to Milnathort has been filled (TG)
 - DL confirmed expected volume of lorries carrying wood between Binn Farm and Tullis Russell is 7 empty and 7 full lorries per day.
 - Handrail at steps in Bower Park: FC has received quote and a work order requested – should be completed in next few weeks (DL)
 - DL reported that FC does not have comprehensive map of where grit bins are sited – the map he has shows location of some of them
 - GC queried process of consultation about “Living Lomonds” – residents in Strathmiglo are known to have had consultation leaflets delivered to the door – Grace wondering whether the residents of Gateside are going to be consulted in the same way? SMJ may know more about this
5. Planning Applications:
 - Reporter to Scottish Government rejected Mr Wilson’s appeal with regard to proposed Caravan Park on the grounds of traffic issues.
 - SF queried who monitors the site owner’s commitment to replant trees where older trees have been felled and also the safe upkeep of the fields. DC advised that there are two notifiable plants in the fields and Fife Council should have a remit to work with landowner to prevent the spread of these plants. Forestry Commission would oversee treeplanting.

Before he left the meeting Cllr Lothian brought it to the attention of the meeting that Gateside Primary School was not one of the schools announced recently as destined for closure. Members were delighted that this is the case.
6. Events:
 - Coffee Morning raised £367 plus another donation and some funds still coming in
 - 18th May Stovie Dance with Buttons and Bows – tickets @ £5 per adult, £2.50 per child. Family ticket for 2 adults and 2+ children = £15. This event was oversubscribed last time but if we needed transport for those from outwith the village for this or any other event – KF has contact.
 - Big Lunch – Sunday 9th June. It would be good to utilise the marquee.
 - Bus trip – 22nd June – Moffat and Williamson coach provisionally booked for trip to Helensburgh and Loch Lomond (TG)
7. Hall refurbishment:
 - SW reported more quotes needed for outside render. Hoping to combine render and hall floor in one application to SITA. SF reported that some concern had been raised by local tradespeople that they had not been approached for quotes. Two of these had been in relation to joinery work and SW indicated that no joinery services required at present, one electrician – again – no large electrical work required at present and small electrical repairs are undertaken by volunteer. It may be that another local contractor could submit quote for the outside render (one local individual has already shown interest in submitting quote) – SW will follow up with AW on his return from holiday.
8. Treasurer’s Report: Accounts still with accountant.

9. George Highland Fund: HP reported that the last Gateside Primary School Parent Council meeting was postponed but she has spoken to Mrs Andrews and the matter will be addressed at the next meeting.
10. AOCB: SF advised the meeting that she will be starting a Craft School after school and needs wool – especially bright colours. If anyone has wool they can donate – it can be handed in to her or to the school.
11. Date of next meeting Thursday 9th May 7.30pm