

Gateside & District Community Association
Minutes 11th March 2015 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Present: Jane Macnaughton, Grace Cronie, Babs Bernard, Hannah Phillips, Valerie Weir, Teri Gillian, Andrew Macnaughton, Carol Durie, Brian Morrice, Bobby Thompson, Ruwan Fernando

Apologies: Kat Wright, Susan Jack

In attendance: Councillor – Donald Lothian (DL)

Minutes Proposed: Andrew Macnaughton, Seconded; Teri Gillian

Community Matters

1. Plans to put red rumble strips at the start of the village are still in progress. The traffic calming islands at the entrance to the village will also be removed.
2. A possible accident was reported at the entrance to Gateside opposite the mill road. Car parts were lying on the grass as well as across the road. This has been reported and will be dealt with in due course **DL**
3. Andy Jones from the Fife Camera Partnership to be contacted again (JM) about the mobile ad trailer which was to go in the hall car park. Speed camera van was at the school recently, and we will ask for the results of this survey to be made known to us.
4. Bobby Thompson came to the meeting specifically to thank those who helped her when she had her accident down at the mill and broke her ankle – special thanks to Bruce and to Ken and Mina Struth.
5. Path to school round the edge of the park which floods in heavy rain has now had new red chips put down and drainage has been improved.
6. Water continues to pour down Station Road creating an ice sheet in frosty weather which is very hazardous. **DL** had initial meeting with local residents and council technician whose position is that responsibility lies with Scottish Water. Meeting to be held on Thursday 19th March at 9am – Scottish Water will send engineer and national grid (gas) officer as well as council representative. Road is now beginning to sink in some places as foundations being washed away so this is now an urgent matter. George Gall has written letter outlining his view that responsibility lies with gas board, he is to be asked if he is available to attend this meeting. Letter passed to **DL**. **AM** will attend.
7. Pot holes in Old Town. Colin Gilbert has sent positive response about council potentially paying for their share, but not in this financial year. Contractor to be found (Robertsons in Newburgh or Gilmartins) and quote sent on to council. Residents advised that they can report other pot hole issues directly via the Fife Council website.
8. High speed broadband. Pockets of houses in NE Fife will not receive this and may require individual satellites or other bespoke solutions. BT will provide relevant postcodes in due course. Howe of Fife forum to be formed in order to have one over-arching organisation to deal with issues which will also include ruralwatch, community policing etc. This organisation could then apply for funding to deal with large scale issues.
9. Mrs Durie attended the meeting in order to thank everyone for their contribution towards getting WIFI installed in school. This has made a huge difference in teamwork and collaboration for the children and is much appreciated by all at the school.
10. Refurbishment.
 - Painting on hold until damp dries out after rendering, will probably be summer. To be reviewed. Condensation also causing problems, needs ventilation.
 - Lights in the main hall requiring repair – Ruwan on hand to fix these and problem now seems to be solved. Outside light to be looked at. New window unit required in kitchen, but window secure for now. George Cook to be contacted. **BM**
 - **BM** has had lead flashing on the roof repaired after wind damage.
 - Hook to pop open the outside door to be fixed please **BM**

- Look at grants but also consider fundraising events for these projects. **JM/ SJ/ SW/AW**
 - Gardening Day. Date set for Wed 29th April (please note now changed to **Thursday 30th April** – ed.) To be arranged in conjunction with school who will get in touch with Litter Scotland. Planting of wildflower seeds, work in school garden, litter pick around wood area and mill road. To be discussed fully at next meeting.
11. Events
- Film night Friday 27th March. To show British Hit Comedy *What we Did on Our Holiday* starring Billy Connolly and David Tennant. Great film for all ages so please come along – film nights proving to be great community events with lovely atmosphere and good fun for all. Doors open 5.30pm for start around 6pm. Teatime food will be served (pizza/hot dogs) as well as the usual tuck shop fayre.
 - Spring Coffee Morning Saturday 28th March. Easter crafts will be set up for the children and other stalls. Home baking and tombola prizes requested. All proceeds to go to village bus trip which Teri will organise **TG**.
12. Treasurer report Bank balance £9275.67
13. AOB
- Karate now cancelled due to lack of numbers.
 - Date to be set at next meeting to clean out cupboard in back room and throw away old chairs / Christmas decorations. Skip may be required!

Next meeting 9.4.15 at 7.30pm