

Gateside & District Community Association  
Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 7.30pm Memorial Hall

**Present:** Jane Macnaughton, Hannah Phillips, Bobby Thompson, Grace Cronie, Babs Bernard, Frankie Carslake, Norma Robertson, Andrew Macnaughton, Ruwan Fernando, Susan Jack, Emma Morgan, Teri Gillan

**Apologies:** Kate Fernando, Kat Wright, Cllr. Donald Lothian

**Minutes Proposed:** Jane Macnaughton, Seconded; Norma Robertson

Community Matters

1. The Community Police apologised for not attending the meeting and let us know that there were no incidents to report.
2. Drumreel road in serious need of repair. No progress as yet. Top of Station Road to be closed for telephone line repairs, but no date has yet been set that we are aware of. EM has been without broadband for 10+ days.
3. Community Paths Grant – we are through the first stage of the application. Station Road steps at bridge at gate leading down to mill path can be repaired for quote of £800. Decision on the grant will be made in June. Handrail to be put in and steps repaired at both ends if funds allow.
4. Grit bin at hall still in progress.
5. Path at Glenvale. Meeting with Alison Irvine and Bob Weston at Community Council Meeting was on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Contractor for the work was only available in the winter. Path needed to be 3m wide in order for the heavy equipment to get to required location. Stone steps are to be revisited, and new ones are being cut as existing steps too steep. One landowner has withdrawn permission for path through their land so currently path only goes to the burn but it is hoped it will eventually connect with Dryside.
6. Reports from residents that the free nursery bus is to be stopped after the summer. It will no longer collect Gateside children as nursery school deemed to be “optional.” It was suggested that residents write to Willie Rennie to find out exactly what the situation is.

Refurbishment.

- It was agreed to employ a window cleaner to clean windows every six months. HP
- BM to arrange someone to come in and have a look at damp problem.
- Plasterboard panels - quote in progress. Panels to be painted as fire-retardant. SJ to ask again.
- Heating being serviced next week. Fit with a gauge to see how full tank is while this is being done. EM to call Charlie.
- Compost from Binn Farm to be acquired for planters at ends of village. These are probably too difficult to move to other side of road. Trailer and builders bags to be used. SJ. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – small group to do planting/strimming.
- Spinning Wheel – to be full size. Concrete base. Living Lomonds grant could possibly match fund this, we would pay £200 if they would contribute so budget of £400. HP to look into funding.
- Noticeboards – has now arrived. BM to arrange to have this put up.
- PVC banner has been purchased for advertising events.

Events

- Film night - Sunset Song. Event enjoyed but film universally thought to be dreadful! Film choice for next film tbc. Will be end June to tie in with end of school term.
- Bake a Difference event this Saturday in aid of Firefighters Charity. 2-4pm. All welcome.
- Gateside Gallop. RF organising. Change of date – new date is 31/08/2016.

- Seniors Christmas Lunch 2016 –Heaven Scent to be asked to cater for meal for 40 in hall in the autumn as a fundraiser with raffle. Quotes to be obtained for two course menu HP/KW
- Big Lunch – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June in Bower Park. KW to talk to Harley Davidsons. HP has organised bouncy castle 12 x 15ft. Anyone with pop up gazebos please get in touch as these would be useful on the grass in the Bower. Everyone to bring a plate. HP and KW to knock on doors in Bower Park to explain to residents about the event.

Bank Balance: £9876.97

#### AOB

Another shed to be considered for outside – grant to be looked at.

Website to be refreshed with a new look.

Floral grant to spend – bulbs to be planted along fence.

Next meeting 09.6.16 at 7.30pm