

## **The Gateside & District Community Association**

Minutes for 113<sup>TH</sup> March 2014 7.30pm, held in the Memorial Hall

Present: Jane McNaughton, Susan Jack, Sandra Farrar, Frankie Carslake, Kate Fernando, Grace Cronie, Andrew McNaughton, Bobby Thompson, Sue Whisler, Valerie Weir

In attendance: Donald Lothian, Andy Heer

Apologies: Emma Morgan, Alan Wright, Norma Robertson, Hannah Phillips Teri Gillian, Kathryn Wright, Maureen Andrews

Minutes of last Meeting: Amendments Joanne Keillor not Keaveney : Kath Robertson missed from list of those present; Funds in bank £7541.90 not £754190 (sadly!)

Minutes proposed Jane Macnaughton; seconded Bobby Thompson

### **Community matters:**

- Water running down Station Road again. Leak on Dryside originally fixed this – check if leak on Dryside has re-appeared **SMJ**
- Church wall – unable to progress site visit as Council official not willing to come out as planning permission given. Meeting with AW or JM with owner and architect to finalise plan. **AW JM**
- Ongoing speed issues on A91 were discussed. Andy Jones for Fife Camera Partnership has conducted more speed surveys – results not available yet. **DL** advised Auchtermuchty has double yellow lines not white lines which , as well as preventing dangerous parking also provide visual guide for drivers– not been requested for Gateside but may be an option. Flashing speed signs seen as useful warning to drivers, also rumble strips at each end of village **DL** Burnside T Junction signs have been put up following discussions with Burnside residents about speed of traffic when trying to cross to bus stop. Sign at school entrance to village has been knocked down **DL**
- Potholes on Old Town road – anyone seeing potholes to report immediately **TG**
- Grit bin for the hall needs to be purchased **JM SJ**
- Farmwatch now posted on village website. Vehicles stolen recently include a pickup from near Strathmiglo and some large farm vehicles in SW Fife. Rural crime seminar to be held – **AH** to report back on this. Local rural crime officer is Sgt Neil Mackenzie.
- Information on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme discussed, insurance benefits and deterrence value- decision at next meeting on whether to join as insufficient attendance to decide. **DL** advised crime rates have dropped – although there has been spate of crimes in Ladybank. Police engagement meeting to be held Strathmiglo Hall 24.3.14 at 7pm.
- Building works started at end of Old Town but no further work. Area is untidy and work has undermined neighbours fence- matter between neighbours not Council area.

- SEPA to be contacted to comment on proposed amendment to odour requirements which would lessen Binns requirement to tackle odours **SJ**. Passed to Community Council to comment to SEPA – **AH**
- Boy racers speeding in Bower Park \_ DL advised this is police matter – already reported by BT.
- Request if green area in Bower Park could be turned into car parking as it is not level enough for ball games. DL advised providing additional parking is not a priority for Council.
- Burnside bus stop has broken glass – advised to report to Fife Direct.
- Local Plan system discussed. Old system has been replaced by Tay Plan. Bi-annual review with traffic light system for development. Current Plan at final stage consultations completed. No development zoned for Gateside. Can log on and request to be updated on this **SJ**
- CHAS scarf appeal progressing well Sandra asked everyone to spread the word and get posters and collection point wherever possible.
- Flower pot planters to be sited at each end of village. Manpower needed to dig in pallets **JM** to talk to Ruwan about size of pallets. Old wellies still needed for 1 pot.
- **Events Committee:**
  - Film Night. Went very well and made £114.78 after expenses, well done to Hannah and all helpers
  - WRI Bingo Tea had a good turnout on 7<sup>th</sup> March. They have no meeting next week, instead it will be 3.4.14.
  - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April booked in hall diary for Daffodil Tea / Spring Coffee Morning. Children will not be able to sing at this. Flyers on options for bus trip to be given out at coffee morning **TG**
  - Edy to be asked to do an “Idiots Guide” for the disco lights for those who book the hall for private parties. Possibility of an extra hire charge for disco lights. **HP**

#### **Refurbishment committee:**

- £13,500 granted by SITA. This is for re-rendering of external walls, floor to be sanded and car park sign and noticeboard added outside the hall. Have applied to de-register in March from Entrust to allow us to contribute part of 11% contribution. Grant application for Robertson Trust for the 11% has also been completed – will hear March **JM SW SJ**
- Pansies and primula in hall tubs. Poppies planned to mark centenary. Poppy mats to be rolled out in bed by wall which should be visible from road. Planters to be purchased for roses which will sit at entrance to car park. Rowan trees available from Strathmiglo which will be planted along fence. Planter also to be placed in front of oil tank. Poppy mat area needs to be weedkilled. **JM SJ SW TG**.

- Shed blown away in storms, had been donated by school. Investigate costs of new shed, wooden possibly use 2 for 1 grant. To speak to insurance company. **JM SJ**
- Roof needs checked for loose slates **AW**
- Check electric tests complete (PAT) – **AW** SW advised Alan Gow from Healthy Working Lives will visit and advise if we are up to date **SW to contact.**
- Projector and screen purchased which Edy will fit. Projector will not be left in Hall as expensive (£400+). Add to insurance **SJ**. Edy to provide invoices and try 2 for 1 fund for this **SJ**. WRI will use projector at next meeting.
- Extra charge for disco lights and projector with higher deposit of £100 + normal £50. **HP** to research hire rates for these at other Halls.

#### Treasurer report

- £7599.75 in bank, boiler service £11.48; Film £150+99.60 costs made £114.78. Edy paid for projector and screen.

#### AOCB:

- Cultural roadshow for fundraising booklet – check possibilities for funds **JM, SW, SMJ**
- Ruwan to get two sets of keys for hall cut asap. **RF**
- Burnside residents wish to plant fruit trees – school has 3 apple trees which could be used. Other trees to be sourced. **SJ**

Date of next meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 7.30 pm