

Gateside & District Community Association
Minutes 13th November 2014 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Present: David Cowling, Beryl Cowling, Jane Macnaughton, Babs Bernard, Grace Cronie, Frankie Carslake, Kat Wright, Hannah Phillips, Susan Jack, Bobby Thompson, Norma Robertson, Ruwan Fernando, Emma Morgan, Forbes Morgan, Walter Alexander

Apologies: Teri Gillan, Andrew Macnaughton, Kate Fernando, Alan Wright, Sandra Farrar, Valerie Weir, Donald Lothian, Sue Hogg, Sue Whistler

In attendance: Councillor – Andy Heer (AH)

Minutes Proposed: H Phillips, Seconded; J Macnaughton

Short Remembrance conducted by David Cowling and laying of a wreath at War Memorial Plaque in Hall by Andy Heer.

Community Matters

1. There has been a meeting of Fife Council Transportation which included a discussion on the speeding issues in Gateside which D Lothian has discussed with J Macnaughton – see attached email from Colin Stirling in Transportation. In summary, Transportation have no budget at the moment to look at any further physical measures to reduce speeding, but will continue to work with the community on this issue. The risk assessment of the children walking from the school to the Hall indicated that it was safe to do so. There may be a grant for high visibility jackets available **JM**. Police Camera Partnership continue to check for speeding and Gateside remains on the list to watch for speeding.
2. Fife Plan – consultation has started on the Draft Plan, there are no changes which affect Gateside.
3. Path to school round the edge of the Park continues to flood in heavy rain. This has been discussed previously and action was promised but so far not completed. Previously taken up by D Lothian, **AH** to refer back to him.
4. In detail information now available to view in Hall. Planning application being submitted to Perth & Kinross Council. Anyone wishing to view can contact a member of the committee for a key.
5. Gateside Inn Walter Alexander (owner of Gateside Inn) in attendance to discuss next steps for building. It is costing approximately £1000 per month to lie empty and Mr Alexander wishes to move to change of use in order to sell for development. There have been no offers for it as a pub and drink drive laws make this unlikely. Plan to offer for development with the possibility of houses in the car park as well. Meeting agreed not to object to change of use. Mr Alexander asked if we could clean off referendum posters – he wanted to check to see if solvent was required.
6. Refurbishment
 - Quote for painting Hall received - £1600 + Vat (£1920), for main Hall, stage room and Gents toilet. Other quotes awaited.
 - Waiting for quote for window replacement and also need to replace light tubes.
 - Look at grants but also consider fundraising events for these projects. **JM/ SJ/ SW/AW**
 - SITA visited to see render which grant paid for. Very happy with work and plaque put up. Can't apply again for 1 year from funding date – check funding date **JM**
 - Gardening day required to plant bulbs and pansies – Saturday 15.12.14 at 2pm, **anyone available**
 - Discussed putting up Christmas lights outside Hall, hang on gutter hooks and run wire through window – on timer – agreed to do this **KW** to purchase lights, which will be funded from Floral grant. Discussed planting a real tree and putting on lights, agreed to leave this to roofline and also cherry trees if solar powered lights are possible. **KW/ HP**
 - Big Lunch can possibly supply wildflower seeds and the Woodland Trust can supply trees. Need to decide what would be suitable and where to plant – possibly along

boundary fence, but trees cant grow too big. Further discussion needed **HP/ KW/ SJ/ JM/ TG**

7. Events

- Halloween party held on 31.10.14, well attended. Scary decorations outside Hall well received.
 - “Ghostbusters” film on 1.11.14 at 5pm with tea time food well attended – this time worked well and will be repeated for other film nights. Next film “Nativity” on Sunday 14th December at 5pm £5 adults/ £2 kids, teatime food available again.
 - Xmas Panto trip to run on 12.12.14 to Adam Smith – list of names to school.
 - Beetle (snowman) drive will be a joint fundraiser with the school. Saturday 13.12.14 in the afternoon. Cake and candy stall for Hall, school will have table to fundraise as well – possibly hamper raffle. £2 Entry fee for snowman drive and mince pies with non alcoholic mulled wine and tea shared between Hall and school. Children will possible sing carols. **Baking required - ALL**
 - World War I Memory Walk on 11.11.14 very well attended. Many residents joined children on a walk round Gateside to share memories of history of village and what is it was like to live here in earlier times. Shared photos and memorabilia on World War I to coincide with centenary anniversary. Walk finished with tea and cakes in the Hall. Well done to Hannah, Kat and school for organising.
 - Hogmanay ceildh with Buttons and Bows on 31st December there will be a limit on numbers (80). Tickets £12 adults/ £5 kids from Hannah on 860303. Stovies and BYOB
 - True Gents concert possible, cost would be £200 – investigate further **HP**
 - Kilgraston have a small ceildh band which would come possibly for a Burns night. Discuss further **SW/ HP**
8. Treasurer report Bank balance £8145.62. Cheques issued for £378.13 McNab; £282.08 for PAT testing; £41 for fire extinguisher test. £149.75 received for film night – licence £95
9. AOB
- Newsletters for Cowiefaulds and Wellfield requested by Norma Robertson, **HP**.
 - CHAS scarf appeal -Sandra Farrar has received over 4230 scarves and raised over £1000 for CHAS.
 - Healthy Working Lives can come to check Hall and provide basic health checks if requested – agreed to say yes to both **SW** to contact and make appointment.
 - RVS have sent information regarding transportation and good neighbour service available. Looks quite expensive but they will come to talk to us at a meeting if requested.
 - WRI AGM next Thursday 20th November.
 - Boundary sign to be replaced by Fife Council after complaints that it was dirty.
 - Gateside Mills are going to be up for sale, some parts are dangerous.

Next meeting 11.12.14 at **7pm** for half an hour before AGM starts at 7.30pm