

Gateside and District Community Association  
Minutes of Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013, held in the Memorial Hall

Present: Jane Macnaughton, Andrew Macnaughton, Teri Gillan, Kate Fernando, Grace Cronie, Bobbie Thompson, Susan Jack, Sue Whisler, Hannah Phillips, Kathryn Wright, Sandra Farrer, Norma Robertson, Frankie Carslake

1. In attendance: Cllr Donald Lothian, Cllr Andy Heer
2. Welcome
3. Apologies from: Emma Morgan, Valerie Weir, Alan Wright, David Cowling
4. Minute of last meeting agreed and proposed by S Farrar and seconded by A Macnaughton
5. Community Matters:
  - Council website to report potholes crashed so potholes on Perth road at junction to Leaden Urquhart not reported. **HP** to try to report this again. No significant pothole problems on Dryside. DL urged that potholes are reported quickly by internet or phone to avoid them deteriorating further and becoming dangerous.
  - Hall car park surface is not good – DL advised there is no budget for recycling areas so Council unlikely to help with re-surfacing.
  - Speed issues on A91 were discussed. List of possible speed restriction/calming options submitted to Cllr Lothian and Councillor Heer. DL has contacted Colin Stirling to request latest speed data and position with regard to School to Hall trip for children. Major work at Cupar will divert much of transportations resources over next 9 months. Parents are unhappy about safety of walk from school to Hall, as a result the decision has been made to bus children to and from Hall, this is being paid for from school funds until Mrs Andrews can talk to Education dept about funding this (3 trips every Friday). Parents have advised speeding is not the problem; it is the narrow pavement just before the crossing that is of concern. **DL** has discussed with JMC already and will take up issue of additional calming measures with the Council. **JMC** is to speak to Mrs Andrews about the matter and what options may be considered. D Cowling had advised JMC that there had been a plan to create a path through the fields in the centre of the village and there had been a budget for that. DL advised as this had not happened budget was probably not available and the issue of land ownership had possibly prevented plan. DL also considered that this was a problem for all residents not just school children and should be tackled on this basis. 3 options were discussed: 1. Widen narrow pavement to allow a barrier – question over why one part of pavement was widened and not the other; 2. Scope for path behind the wall to pedestrian crossing; 3 Path could be created by walking down wider pavement and then down drive to Edenshead House and through woods bordering field – this is Mike Pettigrews land. Any option must be practical for all residents and feasible with regard to land ownership.
  - Binn Farm Forum met in Gateside on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September -this was not a public meeting. Advised no lorries are currently going to Tullis Russell as plant is not commissioned yet. Storage pad near Leslie is also full. Issue with required route to Glenrothes as it seems tall lorries are going via Falkland Strathmiglo to avoid Collessie bridge which is contrary to planning permission.
  - Ditch and gulley cleaning/ pothole repair has been admitted as being slow by Council and Council have said it will now be more reactive in this.
  - TG asked about form re food waste disposal – do we need to fill in as we have no food waste? DL advised it should be filled in online and is very quick **TG**.
  - JMC asked DL if he would be bringing a wreath to next meeting for remembrance service. **DL** advised he will. **JMC** to ask D Cowling if he would conduct short service.
  - Mobile Library hasn't visited village recently – AH advised this was due to breakdown of one of the vehicles and the service will resume.
6. Planning Applications:  
Nothing reported.
7. Events:
  - Murder Mystery Evening Planned as fundraiser for Hall and Big Lunch on Saturday 16.11.13 at 7pm. Mulled wine/ tea/coffee will be served, **baking donations required**. Helpers will be needed on the night – open to all to come and solve the murder mystery, all participants in the drama have been appointed. Contact H Phillips for more information and tickets.

- Christmas Craft Fair is to be held on 7.12.13. Village craft stall; baking; jam/ chutney; tombola – **donations required to all of these stalls**. Commercial stalls are going to be limited to locals this year. Coffee morning will have lots of children’s activities- decorate a Christmas biscuit; chringles; gingerbread houses. N Robertson offered doll to use as Guess the birthday prize. **G Cronie** will ask WRI for donations to craft and baking stalls. School will have a craft table and children will sing for coffee morning entertainment.
- Bus Trip discussed as numbers have been low – many seem to think it is for OAPs only. Replace next year with trip to the Races (tickets £10-15) and/or Christmas meal – agreed.
- Community cinema nights in a themed vein discussed previously as good fundraiser. Ask Eddie for price on projector and screen **TG**. Apply to 2 for 1 for funds for this **SMJ**.
- Buttons and Bows have not advised about Hogmanay ceildh N Robertson to ask when she sees them. **NR**

8. Hall refurbishment:

- Application to SITA for rendering, floor resurface and car park sign and hall noticeboard is about to be submitted. Decision will not be until December and so rendering work will have to be next year.
- List of local tradesmen on Association website. Further names can be added.
- Need planter made for roses to keep them out of the way for strimming. Ask Colin Simpson for quote for this and for repairs to stage **SW**. Timber pallets may be available for wood from Ruwan Fernando.
- Next year is 100 year anniversary of World War 1 and JMC proposed that we arrange a display of poppies around Hall as it is a War Memorial, **JMC** contacting British Legion about poppies. JMC also proposed a display of WW1 photos and memorabilia. Hope to involve school children in this project. WW1 Tea dance suggested.
- Will tidy up and clean road signs once pots need re-planted. **JMC/ TG/ SW/ SMJ**

9. Treasurer’s Report: £7449.63 in bank, cheque for £647.02 insurance not yet cashed. Insurance review completed and saved just short of £400. Levels of cover have been increased to reflect current requirements.

10. AOCB:

- WRI requested bill for Hall rent **EM**.
- S Farrer proposed planters using jeans filled with soil and plants to decorate village (school project) – will have to check with Council if this is on road verge **DL/ AH. SF** to speak to **SMJ** about Floral Grant to help with costs.
- Church wall discussion still ongoing – agreed to arrange site visit with church owner to agree best option **AW, SMJ**

11. Date of next meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm