

Gateside and District Community Association  
Minutes of Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September 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, Alan Wright, Sandra Farrer  
In attendance: No councillors available

1. Welcome
2. Apologies from: Emma Morgan, Norma Robertson, Frankie Carslake, Valerie Weir, Cllr Donald Lothian, Cllr Andy Heer
3. Minute of last meeting agreed and proposed by H Phillips and seconded by T Gillan
4. Community Matters: Councillors unable to attend – apologies sent.
  - Potholes are opening up on the A91 towards Gateside. Agreed to report on Council website- **H Phillips** to report Perth road ones. **S Jack** to check Dryside
  - Hall car park surface is not good – check if council will repair because of wear and tear caused by recycling lorries – **A Wright** to email council.
  - Speed issues on A91 were discussed. Concern in the village has increased after death of cyclist last week. There have been several reports of dangerous overtaking in the village and ongoing speeding problems. Agreed to make a list of possible speed restriction/calming options (to include double white lines through village for no overtaking) and submit to council for discussion – through Councillors initially, **SMJ**. School have also expressed concern and parents are unhappy about walk from school to Hall. Other possible measures include: writing to all lorry companies with leaflet asking drivers to slow down; asking council to cut trees back that overhang road and impair visibility.
  - Agreed to form work party to re plant pots; clear litter and clean road signs covered in green from trees. **JMC, SMJ, TG**.
  - Binn Farm Forum to meet in Gateside on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September **SMJ** to check if it is a public meeting and email invite to village if so. Agreed to continue to ask for them to re-route lorries wherever possible.
5. Planning Applications:  
Nether Urquhart new house and stable block planning application is outstanding.
6. Events:
  - Gateside Gallop on 4<sup>th</sup> September very successful with around 90 runners. Raised £538.21 after payment to Scottish Athletics. Thanks to all helpers and bakers and to Sue for organising event. Some problems with car parking – agreed to plan better next year and promote car sharing. Photos by Andrew went down very well with runners.
  - 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.
  - Hannah and Kat attended Big Lunch event which was aimed at promoting doing more in the community. Ideas include: Memory Walk – involve kids and older members of community; gardening – seed bombing waste ground; bonfire night/ lantern parade; community cinema- purchase projector (£3-500) and get a secondhand screen. Saturday/Sunday morning film for kids with free/ cheap tickets and money made on popcorn. 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**.
  - Event committee now Hannah, Kat, Teri and Kate.
  - Also discussed Race night or Cluedo styled coffee/ wine evening in November as a shared fundraiser with Big Lunch and Hall – possibly in November. **Hannah** to email further details.
  - Big Lunch people may be coming in October – possibly have a Hall evening to meet them.
  - Christmas Craft fair this year will only be village crafts sold in aid of Hall funds, and activities/ games for children. Tables may be available to residents to sell their own crafts

at £10-12 per table but no outside stalls will be asked. Need to make crafts to sell, **ALL**. School might be able to take a table and sell cards/ craft made with help of Sandra. **SMJ** offered to make jam/ chutney – anyone with spare fruit please contact her, or make jam for Fair. There will be activities for kids: ice your Christmas biscuit etc. School children will also be asked to sing and entertain again **TG**. Date to be agreed with school and advertised on website/ locally **TG**.

- Any dates for events for school or WRI can be advertised on website. **HP** to email Andrew.

7. Hall refurbishment:

- AW has received a quote for £9200 for the rendering, another quote required for grant. SW provided name of possible tradesman Wayne Telford Roughcaster – 07738514342. Agreed to submit grant application with one quote if no more are available. Include sign for car park and noticeboard for outside Hall. **JMC, AW, SW, SMJ**. Damp patch in stage room caused by render and this repair is now urgent.
- Discussed listing local tradesmen on Association website. Gateside video booklet has much of this information. G Cronie has lent booklet to Jane and list has been started on website
- Flower pots need new flowers and need to 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** to investigate poppy seed and length of germination required. Agreed to ask D Lothian about wild flower verges at St Andrews and how this is achieved.

8. Treasurer's Report: £6959.58 in bank. Insurance review to be carried out by September renewal date **JMC, SMJ, TG, EM** – agreed to go with cheaper quote whichever that is with increased cover for rebuild value and contents, **SMJ**. AW advised extension roof is 30 % of roof and is made of liquid plastic – **SMJ** to advise insurers. Big Lunch insurance to come under general cover.

9. George Highland Fund: check what school have decided to do with this.

10. AOCB:

- Piano now removed
- Hogmanay Ceildh discussed TG to contact Buttons and Bows to see if they could play (max 60 tickets) – still awaiting reply
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm