

The Gateside & District Community Association  
Minutes for 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
In the Memorial hall

1. Present: Jane Macnaughton, Susan Jack, Kate Fernando, Grace Cronie, Donald Lothian, Hannah Phillips, Bobby Thompson, Kat Farrar, Frankie Carslake, Andrew Macnaughton, , Kathryn Wright, Valerie Weir, Teri Gillan, George Gall, Andy Heer
2. Apologies: Emma Morgan, Norma Robertson, Marcus Keavney, Sandra Farrar, Alan Wright, Sue Whisler
3. Minutes of last Meeting: proposed H Phillips; second B Thompson
4. Community matters:
  - Potholes on Dryside have been patched but are deteriorating. Road up to Glen Lomond still in poor repair. Pothole at Drumdreel repaired **DL** .
  - Water running down Station road being investigated by Council. Disagreement with Scottish Water over responsibility. As gas pipeline is adjacent Scottish Gas are also involved. Council will excavate and establish who is responsible – G Gall advised this was site of old spring which fed a water trough and was cut off by gas pipeline. **DL** to advise outcome.
  - Grit bin map for Gateside and district to be re-sent. **DL**
  - Serious hole on road to Milnathort requires repair. **DL** advised anyone seeing a dangerous pothole should immediately report it on the Council website.
  - Discussed Binn Farm supply of wood to Tullis Russell Biomass. A Heer and S Jack attended Binn Farm forum and advised likely tonnage is 45,000 tons per annum, approximately 1 lorry per hour (each way) during working hours – may not work out like this in reality. Only providing recycled wood. Binn will advise more at next meeting. V Weir asked what daytime hours were – **SMJ** to check. Forum also provided information on SITA grant funds for community – agreed to apply for new rendering through this.
  - Wind farm also being proposed at Binn Farm – 5 turbines possible – no planning application yet still in consultation. Unlikely to be able to see from Gateside as situated in a dip in the hills.
  - Steps on green in Bower Park have been looked at, quote requested for a handrail to see if possible.
  - Gate into Park at Milnathort end of the village now repaired.
5. Planning Applications:
  - Caravan site appeal -Reporter appointed and has advised site visit will be unaccompanied.
6. Pedestrian gate entrance at church: Points still outstanding:
  - **AW** to email Mr Morris about wall and gate changes and check on sewage plans.
7. Report from refurb committee:
  - Need to re-render building. Grant possibly available from SITA as we are near Binn Farm. Refurb committee have filled in application, new quotes required for work. **AW**. Floor requires re-surfacing. Options: £1800 for clean and re-polish; £3100 to re-sand and re-seal. Agreed to re-sand and seal, this could be added to SITA application as long as total is £20,000 or less. 10% match funding needed.
  - Floral grant received. Outstanding work: more roses at front; tub at road to mill.
  - Moles have caused problem on lawn – investigate options.
  - Outstanding projects: signs/ noticeboards; folding chairs to replace red ones. T Gillan has sourced 20 padded red chairs at £2 each – agreed to purchase and throw out worst red ones.
8. Report from Events committee:
  - Ceildh/ stovie dance with Buttons and Bows on date tbc, not possible on same day as coffee morning- probably May.
  - Spring Fair coffee morning to include kids activities (including best decorated egg )– 23.3.13. Baking, raffle, tombola donations needed. **ALL**
  - Agreed to leave CAMS concert this year and hopefully get a better audience next year.
  - Dog Trial booked for Hall next Sunday.

8. Treasurer's report: £5910.61 in account. Accounts in process of being finalised for last year. Emma asked if oil level could be checked.

9.AOCB:

- G Gall advised Maud had spoken to Dorothy about the George Highland fund and that it should definitely only be used for the children of the village. **H Phillips** to take to School Council to discuss. **SMJ** to advise how much money is available.
- Metal detectors once again enjoyed a visit to Gateside and used Hall. Link to their website will be posted on Gateside site **AMC**
- Money is available through the Big Lottery Fund and Red Nose Day to help with community playground – **HP/JMC/SMJ/SW** to look at.
- Big Lunch/ community day planned again this year.
- Gardening group will be required once weather improves for a tidy up and replant of tubs. Laura has done a great job of keeping corner looking great. Any volunteers?

Date of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 7.30pm