

Gateside and District Community Association
Minutes of Meeting 14th November 2013, held in the Memorial Hall

Present: Jane Macnaughton, Andrew Macnaughton, David Cowling, Teri Gillan, Bobbie Thompson, Susan Jack, , Hannah Phillips, Kathryn Wright, Sandra Farrer, Norma Robertson, Frankie Carslake, Alan Wright, Brian Morris

1. In attendance: Cllr Donald Lothian, Mrs M Andrews
2. Welcome
3. Service of Remembrance conducted by David Cowling. Wreath laying by Cllr Donald Lothian
4. Thanks from Chair
5. Apologies from: Emma Morgan, Valerie Weir, Grace Cronie, Sue Whisler
6. Minute of last meeting agreed and proposed by H Phillips and seconded by S Farrar
7. Community Matters:
 - HP advised potholes discussed at last meeting had been reported and repaired. DL urged that potholes are reported quickly by internet or phone to avoid them deteriorating further and becoming dangerous.
 - Hall car park surface has been improved by builders working at church – asked if they could fill in holes as they had parked there. Recycling lorries do affect car park surface due to frequent turning with large vehicles.
 - Speed issues on A91 were discussed. 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 (at a cost of £45 per day). Parents have advised speeding is not the problem; it is the narrow pavement just before the crossing that is of concern, the children are concerned about the draughts from the lorries, fears heightened after cyclist accident outside village – perception of risk increased rather than actual risk level increase. Taxis will continue while budget allows, the school will opt to use school grounds where possible especially in summer term. Suggestion was made that parents could contribute or fundraise towards cost – **MA to consider**. Arrangements have been made complicated at school – questionnaire to go round all parents to canvas views on situation and options. School would use a path through fields but not probably round by woods. Measures such as speed bumps and a barrier at narrow point have been ruled out by Council. Transportation advised no further calming measures likely for village. Suggestion was made to extend 20mph to Hall end of the village. **DL** to request this from Transportation for Friday mornings/ option for other users if required. D Cowling pointed out that 20mph limits do exist permanently on A roads eg Yetts of Muckhart has a 20mph. **DL** to ask Transportation if this might be possible in Gateside. C Stirling has data which shows speeding is an issue in village although number of HGVs has dropped – the HGV data is to be sent to Mrs Andrews for the parents info **DL**. Issue creates a possible long term problem for viability for both school and Hall. A Macnaughton has requested raw data on lorry and other traffic volumes to analyse **DL**. D Lothian asked about adding Floral displays to entrance to village to alert traffic to settlement – would have to avoid being a hazard and possibly check with C Stirling **JM, SJ, TG, SW**
 - Mobile Library is back in village
8. Church Boundary Wall discussed. Mr Brian Morris (Church) would prefer to retain old drystone wall with a relocated pillar, or a low re sandstone wall. Retaining old wall and building alongside also possible but logistically difficult due to foundations and some distance would be required between old and new wall. Agreed site visit required with planner, architect if possible, **B Morris and A Wright**.
9. Events:
 - Murder Mystery Evening 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. No raffle but other games to try such as Human fruit machine. Send reminder email to village **SMJ**
 - Christmas Craft Fair is to be held on 7.12.13. Village craft stall; baking; jam/ chutney; tombola, raffle – **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. 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. Canvas views on Bus Trip to races as numbers have been low on bus trip.

- 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 confusion with Halloween vs Hogmanay ceildh , contact to ask again about Hogmanay **TG** . Still have something in Hall if they are not available.

10. Hall refurbishment:

- Application to SITA for rendering, floor resurface and car park sign and hall noticeboard is now submitted. Still need extra quote for floor **AW**. JM has telephone interview next week re grant.
- 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 JM proposed that we arrange a display of poppies around Hall as it is a War Memorial, K Wright may have contact for poppy seed or talk to Maud and George Gall or school may be able to get seed. Will have to plant seed in winter/spring.
- World War 1 project planned with school- look up 1911 census of these on memorial but include people outside Gateside as well.
- Will tidy up and clean road signs re plant pots with pansies. **JMC/ TG/ SW/ SMJ**
- Floral grant to be submitted by end of November **SMJ**

11. Treasurer's Report: £6719.61 in bank, Brogan fuel payment not made yet.

12. AOCB:

- Discussed extra electric fan heaters for WRI issue with heating – general feeling this would not work and would be expensive.
- Christmas concert for school Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th.
- Add B Morris to email list

13. Date of next meeting Thursday 12th December 7pm, followed by AGM at 7.30pm