

Gateside & District Community Association
Minutes 15th May 2015 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Present: Jane Macnaughton, Grace Cronie, Babs Bernard, Hannah Phillips, Susan Jack, Andrew Macnaughton, Bobby Thompson, Kate Fernando, Sue Whisler, Kat Wright, David Cowling

Apologies: Teri Gillian, Andy Heer, Emma Morgan

In attendance: Councillor – Donald Lothian (DL)

Minutes Proposed: Andrew Macnaughton, Seconded; Jane Macnaughton

Community Matters

1. Red rumble strips at the start of the village in progress.
2. Andy Jones from the Fife Camera Partnership to be contacted again (JM) about mobile ad trailer which was to go in the hall car park.
3. Water on Station Road –Fife council to start investigations soon and excavate trial holes in order to investigate below ground level.
4. Pot holes. David Cowling outlined his views that Fife Council need to take responsibility for Old Town, and has put these views in writing to them. He disputes the status of the road as “private” since Fife Council provide street lighting, refuse collections, gritting and so on, and outlined his position that since the road was created by the Highways Authority they have a responsibility to maintain it as it is to all intents and purposes a maintained public highway. He further made the point that for the residents to start a road maintenance programme would risk Public and Contractor Liability as the residents would be assuming all the ‘risks, responsibilities & liabilities’ of a commissioning ‘employer’ for the works.
5. Correspondence from Ruwan Fernando relating to more pot holes along the Dryside causing hazards for cyclists as well as motorised vehicles. DL will report these.
6. Howe of Fife Forum: nothing to report

Refurbishment.

- Painting on hold until damp dries out after rendering, will probably be summer. RF to take moisture meter reading to see if any improvement after a few weeks and monitor condensation problem. Can be cleaned off and repainted with bathroom paint.
- New window unit has been fitted in kitchen.
- Gardening Day report – Litter Picking successful with the schoolchildren doing a great job around the woods opposite the school as well as Station Road and the park areas. Thanks to Mrs Durie for her help with this. Wildflower “seed stars” and seed bombs will be made on Sunday 7th June as part of the Big Lunch celebrations. Planters now in situ at road ends, thanks to Jane and Teri for their hard work with these.

Events

- Film night Friday 22nd May. Calamity Jane! Chilli and Nachos to be served. Doors open at later time of 6.45pm for start around 7.30pm.
- Big Lunch to be held Sunday 7th June at hall rather than in park– possibly games (rounders etc) in park afterwards if sufficient demand and good weather. Everyone welcome to come along, bring a plate of food to share. There will be a bouncy castle and playground games for children.

Treasurer report Bank balance £9761.13

Next meeting 11.6.15 at 7.30pm