

The Gateside & District Community Association
Minutes for 7th February 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, Alan Wright, Kathryn Wright, Mike Pettigrew, Babs Bernard
2. Apologies: Emma Morgan, Valerie Weir, Norma Robertson, Marcus Keavney, Andy Heer, Sandra Farrar Teri Gillan
3. Minutes of last Meeting: proposed H Phillips; second A Macnaughton
4. Community matters:
 - Potholes on Dryside and up to Glen Lomond are still in poor repair. On Dryside/ Station Rd all the way up but large pothole at Drumdreel **DL**. DL advised Council to meet re road repairs on Monday. DL is meeting David Morgan to look at potholes on Dryside.
 - B Thompson reported several complaints that during bad snow grit was taken from Bower Park grit bin by Pitlochrie farm staff and grit bin was emptied using a trailer. Locations of grit bins to be circulated and if further grit bins are required these can be requested from the Council.
 - Grit bin requested for Hall car park and recycling DL advised we can buy one and Council will fill it – agree to buy Bin – cost advised at £169. **JMC/SMJ**
 - Mr Kenny Ferns has contacted Community Association and D Lothian re ongoing flooding problem into his garden threatening his house from Pitlochrie farm fields behind his house on Main Road. B Thompsons garden is affected as well. D Lothian advised this is a civil matter which the Council cannot help with but he has advised contacting Floodline. Contact has been made with Pat Lambert (farm manager Pitlochrie) to ask him to look at this drainage problem again.
 - Discussed Binn Farm supply of wood to Tullis Russell Biomass. Transportation dept has granted permission and the Travel Management Plan suggests 48,000 tons of wood will be transported to Tullis Russell, approx 7 lorries (presumably both ways) per day. Route for wood into Binn Farm unknown. Tullis Russell have asked for more capacity but this has been referred to the Scottish Government. AH to advise further after attending Binn Farm forum on 19.2.13 with **SMJ or TG** if possible. DL provided survey indicating slightly less traffic on road although speeding remains a problem.
 - Steps on green in Bower Park have been looked at, not sure if a handrail will be possible although elderly residents would appreciate.
 - Drystane wall with loose boulders on Main Road has now been repaired.
 - M Keaveney had reported gate into Park at Milnathort end of the village had been left open. **DL** to report
 - Reports of snowploughs blocking driveways during bad snow, resulting in residents having to dig themselves out. Not possible to prevent this advised DL.
5. Planning Applications:
 - Caravan site appeal has been responded to by Community Association and residents. Reporter will be appointed and site visit likely.
 - House being built off Old Town road has had planning permission for some time. Only condition is preservation of trees.
6. Pedestrian gate entrance at church: Points still outstanding:
 - Option to build wall alongside ours or replace our wall with new 1.5m wall to edge of old vestry. Agreed to allow replacement of our stone dyke wall with new wall providing work is done to prevent damage to second half of wall which is not replaced.
 - Mr Morris to be asked to submit new plan to Planners regarding this.
 - We will share maintenance and in return Mr Morris will build path from gate to front door.
 - Mr Morris has also asked to investigate drains to see if he can tie into our sewage system. Agreed to allow investigation by Scottish Water provided all works are made good. **AW** to communicate with Mr Morris
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**. Letters of support required and thanks to WRI who have supplied one along with the school.
 - Floor requires re-surfacing. Options: £1800 for clean and re-polish; £3100 to re-sand and re-seal. Agreed to re-sand and seal. Apply for grants to assist **SW/SMJ/JMC/AW**
 - Photos for hall display have now been produced on canvas – 6 early scenes of the village to be hung on wall once damp issue resolved. Thanks to Jane for arranging this.
 - Outstanding projects: signs/ noticeboards; folding chairs to replace red ones
8. Report from Events committee:
- Gateside Gallop booked into Race calendar for 4.9.12
 - Ceildh/ stovie dance with Buttons and Bows on date tbc, not possible on same day as coffee morning
 - Spring Fair coffee morning to include kids activities (including best decorated egg)– 23.3.13
 - Need ideas for fundraisers for next year.
8. Treasurer's report: Not available due to illness.
- 9.AOCB:
- Asked to consider using G Highland funds for Hall chairs **JMC/SMJ**
 - Requests for red squirrels to be reported if seen in village to Scottish Wildlife site. It is thought greys are declining locally.

Date of next meeting: 14th March 2013 7.30pm