

The Gateside and District Community Association
Minutes for 8th March 2012

1. Present: Jane Macnaughton, Susan Jack, Kate Fernando, Hannah Phillips, Sue Whisler, Valerie Weir, Norma Robertson, Bobby Thompson, Donald Lothian, Teri Gillan, Maureen Andrews
 2. Apologies: Emma Morgan, Teri Gillan, Marcus Keaveney, David Cowling, Alan Wright
 3. Minutes –proposed by H Phillips, seconded by S Whisler- adopted
 4. Community matters: **Action points**
 - a. The gate into the park at the end of the village is broken. Advise Ian Barbour of Fife Council to repair. M Andrews has already emailed Fife Council several times regarding this. **SMJ**
 - b. Items for Councillor Lothian:
 - Requests made by DL for gritting of the Dryside road and at Burnside.
 - Pot holes on Station Rd in several places, especially around Nether Urquhart have been repaired but are now deteriorating.
 - Potholes on Dryside especially near Drumdreel partly repaired.
 - Road sign (re entry to 30m zone) at entrance to village has been hit (Milnathort end)
 - Station Rd sign has not been repaired, neither has wall? DL advises he thinks this is now done.
 - Report of young people hanging round the garden of Gateside House, police were called by Mrs Bain. Reports from Bobby Thompson about bad behaviour of youths in Bower Park: running through gardens; throwing eggs; upsetting older residents. DL advises to report to police. M Andrews advised PC Cameron has been at school talking to children about ant-social behaviour and vandalism (at school). Less problems at school since his visit.
 - B Thompson also expressed concern over pile of timber in front garden of house at the end of Bower Park. It is a Council house and they have been asked to remove it 3 months ago. Concern for children's safety as it is piled high. DL advised to keep a watching brief at the moment.
 - DL advised that at a recent Police meeting at Strathmiglo, police advised that there has been an increase in petty theft from outbuildings, also fuel and metal theft from farms. Include this in newsletter and ask PC Cameron if the Association could host a Crime Prevention talk. **SMJ**
 - Dog mess in the Park remains an issue and this should also be included in the newsletter. Fife Council is appointing Dog Wardens as this has become an issue everywhere.
 5. Planning Applications

D Lothian asked to advise Association if and when any applications to go to planning committee. No further change on any current applications previously discussed.
 6. Public Entertainment Licence.

This has been applied for and 2 inspectors have been to visit the Hall. Fire exit and capacity issues with the Hall. Advised front inside doors have to be left open if the Hall has more than 60. Maximum capacity of Hall is probably 100 rather than 120, this goes 1 person = 1m². Check with Alan what the m² of the Hall is and try to push numbers back up nearer 120. **SMJ**
 7. Report from refurbishment sub committee
- Current projects include:
- a. Repairing gutters and roof flashings is now complete and bill is in – as quoted. Pay and reclaim money from Fife Environment Trust (90%) **SMJ**
 - b. Plan to fit insulation between stage wall and cellar to prevent cold air condensing on stage frill and creating damp. T Gillan has bought rolls of quilted foil backed insulation for job and will arrange fitting with AW. **TG**
 - c. Render on outside will need replaced. New quotes for work are required. Can apply for a Capital Grant (60%) from Fife Council. **AW** T Gillan advises damp area in front porch where cavity insulation was fitted – is render blown?
 - d. Some progress on photos for the Hall – we could do these on canvas for safety. Photos to be sourced. **JMC/ SMJ**

- e. New notice boards are planned to replace old one at the Park and one for the Hall (outside wall). In addition a sign will go up about the car park. S Whisler will check quotes we have and we will possibly fund from a 2 for 1 grant from Fife Council £800 **SW**

7. Lease of Car Park

Problem with reinstatement clause has been resolved and clause removed. Agreed to sign lease **JMC**

8 .Gardening day

The proposed date for this is 28th April 2012. We plan to tackle the following activities:

- New compost and plants in pots at Hall
- A new pot at the top of the road down to the Mill
- Plant roses/ potentilla along the fence line of the car park
- Plant clematis around oil tank/ plant wildlife shrubs in corner beside church
- Re-seed grass at front of Hall
- Tidy up the school garden
- Cut back walk along stream to Mill – Hannah to check with Eden for permission **HP**
- Plant cherry trees at each end of village (if not already done)
- Cut brambles on main road

We will need lots of volunteers to achieve everything. Tea/coffee and cakes/ biscuits will be provided in the Hall at specific times. Hannah has advised Rangers could support the Mill walk clearance – asked what tools to bring -: strimmer; tree loppers. Suggested we ask Air Cadets for help as they have been doing work there – HP to investigate.

Timings agreed as:

Mill walk	10- 12am
School	2-4pm (Maureen to organise work and materials)
Hall	all day

Coordination and purchase of materials **M Williams/ JMC/ SMJ/ SW/ AW/ TG**

6.Events committee report

- a. 21st April date for Spring Coffee Morning. Children to sing. Stalls : cake & candy; tombola; bric a brac/books; childrens games
- b. Stovie Dance date 21.4.12 as well- 7pm-10.30pm BYOB + stovies £8 + £2 kids, £20 family. Buttons and Bows booked to play. Print 50 tickets, max number 80 **HP**
- c. Fife Athletic calendar- race for Gateside in for Sept 5th but route to be agreed later.
- e. Diamond Jubilee Big Lunch planned 3.6.12, Music Macas to play possibly.
- f. Norma Robertson suggested Old Time dancing classes might be a popular, she may have a contact **NR**
- g Crooked Jack concert 21.3.12, run by school – all welcome, donations for raffle.
- h. Musical Magic concert – date TBA **TG**
- i. WRI Bingo Tea made £300. Helpers organised to set up tables for Birthday celebration – Wednesday night 8.30pm. Photo of event requested for newsletter with a small write up **NR**
- j Wedding booked for September.
- k. Harley Bikers booked Hall 26.5.12 in the afternoon – offered Tea/coffee and cakes £5 per head.

7 Treasurers report

Balance £6040 after oil bill paid.

8 AOB

- a. WRI need a warm Hall for their 90th Birthday celebration on 15th March 2012. They will set up in the afternoon. **AW**
- b Community Council are now short of a representative from Gateside – please see Bobby Thompson if interested.
- c. Sports Relief Walk in Park 23.3.12 2pm – all welcome.

Next meeting 12th April 2012 7.30pm