

**Gateside & District Community Association**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. at Gateside Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Valerie Wier, Bobby Thomson, Grace Cronie, Babs Bernard, Kathryn Wright, Jane Macnaughton, Andrew Macnaughton, Susan Jack

**In Attendance:** Donald Lothian (items 1 and 2 only)

**Apologies:** Teri Gillan, Hannah Phillips, Andy Heer, Emma Morgan, Norma Robertson

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

Agreed without amendment. Proposed Kathryn Wright, seconded Bobby Thomson.

**2. Community Matters.**

- Donald Lothian reported that the third attempt to complete the work on Station Rd would take place on the week commencing 26 October. The road could be closed for up to a week. The reasons for the failure of previous attempts were not divulged.
- Donald Lothian had not progressed the Cowiefaulds speeding issue, as he thought it was more important to have the cameras in the village. It was decided to let the matter rest unless the situation changed.
- Donald Lothian confirmed that Fife Council would fill up a winter grit bin if the Association bought one for the Hall.
- It was confirmed that the next meeting would include the Remembrance service. **DL** would bring a wreath. **JM** would get in touch with David Cowling.

**3. Refurbishment.**

- The state of the Hall decoration was discussed. **JM** noted that there had been a significant number of private hires and refreshing the decoration would assist marketing. During this discussion it was noticed that there was significant damp ingress on the left-hand window. Although the damp had apparently dried elsewhere damp readings had not been completed by **RF**. It was *agreed* that **BM** should:
  - Make arrangements for the damp ingress to be dealt with.
  - Obtain quotations for the interior redecoration of the Hall; and for repainting the exterior window sills and front door.
  - Obtain quotations to refurbish the Hall floor.
- The meeting *agreed* that a new noticeboard should be procured. **JM**.
- The Hall cleanup would take place on **25 October** (**All**). The School would be approached about what it had stored. Lorna Caldwell would be approached about the equipment she had stored in the Hall.
- **KW** suggested that new small tables were needed (4 x 3ft round and 4 x 3ft square). **SJ** suggested that this could be a candidate for 2 for 1 funding.

**4. Events.**

- The McMillan Tea raised \$496.85. The meeting *agreed* a suggestion by **SJ** that this should be rounded up to £500 and **EM** should write a cheque for this to McMillan. The baking by the village for this event was highly commended.
- 30 October - Harry Potter film.
- 31 October - children's Hallowee'en party.
- 2 December - wreath-making/Christmas decoration evening workshop with mince pies and mulled wine. There would be a maximum of 20 vacancies for the wreath-making by Amanda James. It was intended that all those involved should have something to take home.
- 17 December - **KW** had funding for an over-60s Christmas lunch. Some addresses were still needed, especially for Cowiefaulds and Wellfield. The use of the electoral register was

suggested as an option. The School would be approached for carol singing/to help at the lunch. Help would be needed to decorate the Hall for Christmas.

- GC raised the issue of a newsletter to inform the village about events. The last one had been about a year ago and not been successful. However, it was acknowledged that more needed to be done to inform people about what was going on (KW, HP).
- KW had solicited ideas from the village for Hall use. These were yet to be collated, but included karaoke, a youth club, and disco nights.
- There was no date for the School Christmas party yet.
- Contact details were needed for Buttons and Bows for a potential Hogmanay party.

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report**

- EM had emailed the current balance: £9,575.10.
- A £200 donation had been received from the Donalds. HP to write a thank you letter.
- EM wished to be informed of who held the oil tank key as she wished to get the tank refilled for the winter (JM).

#### 6. **AOB**

- The need to fill the new planters from Wellfield was discussed.
  - It was *agreed* that this would be carried out on the same day as the Hall clean up (25 October). Volunteers to help with this were needed (All).
  - SJ would apply for the floral grant from Fife Council for this.
  - The hydrangeas would be moved from the pots to the bed along the fence.
- The bulb on the external light outside the gents' loo appeared not to be working. On investigation, it was working but the sensor might need some adjustment for improved coverage (BM).
- The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

#### 7. **Date of next meeting**

- The next meeting will be held on 12 November and will include an act of Remembrance.