

The Gateside and District Community Association
Minutes for 9th February 2012

1. Present: Jane Macnaughton, Susan Jack, Kate Fernando, Frankie Carslake, Hannah Phillips, Sue Whisler, Valerie Weir, Norma Robertson, Bobby Thompson, Alan Wright, Michael Williams, Marcus Keaveney, Russell Bain, Sheila Penman, Sandra Farrar, George Gall, Katrina Allen, Mina Struth, K Struth, Babs Robertson, Donald Lothian, Wayne, Shirley, Fiona representing Fife Elderly Forum
2. Apologies: Emma Morgan, Teri Gillan
3. Minutes –proposed by H Phillips, seconded by S Whisler- adopted
4. Community matters: **Action points**
 - a. Report that security light from school is shining into houses in Bower Park and causing a nuisance. M Andrews has checked with school inspector and light cannot be changed. Only one house is affected and any further complaints to be made direct to Fife Council.
 - b. 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 regarding this. **SMJ**
 - c. Items for Councillor Lothian:
 - There seems to have been no gritting of the Dryside road. Could the gritter turn at Burnside to grit the entrance rather than the lay-by at the Kinross border.
 - Pot holes on Station Rd in several places, especially around Nether Urquhart have been repaired.
 - 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. Will Council repair?
 - Alcohol free zone for local villages has been agreed at committee and will be passed in April and the will go to the Scottish Exec.

5. Planning Applications

- a. Planning Application has been made for a single house in the field in front of Gateside House. The applicant Mr Bain, was present at the meeting. Concerns expressed from those present include:
 - The field is not in the settlement boundary in any of the Local Plans.
 - It is a very large plot for one house – does this mean more houses would follow?
 - Where would the house be on the plot and how big would it be?
 - Concern was expressed regarding the trees that would be removed and the effect on wildlife, including bats and red squirrels.
 - Why is the access road not through the grounds of Gateside House rather than creating a new access on the narrow and unadopted mill road which will result in trees coming down.
 - Mr Bain advised that it was definitely only one house planned and that he was going to put this into the land deeds as a condition.
 - The size of the plot was due to the advice of his agent. Only half of the whole field can be built on and the remaining bit will be screened by trees.
 - Mr Bain was unsure if he would sell it as a plot or develop it.

Agreed to consult further and submit comment to Planning.

- b. Planning application to develop the steading at Wester Nether Urquhart was discussed – no concerns expressed.

6. Fife Elderly Forum

Wayne, Shirley and Fiona attended to advise the group on the activities of the Fife Elderly Forum. They have been formed to represent the views of the elderly, provide and advocacy service for the vulnerable and put the elderly community in touch with services they might need. It is a health focussed forum. Will identify gaps and report to Fife Council. Many problems in rural areas relate to transport. Left leaflets to distribute and information will appear in next newsletter.

7. Report from refurbishment sub committee

Current projects include:

- a. Repairing gutters and roof flashings is almost complete **SMJ**
- b. Plan to fit insulation between stage wall and cellar to prevent cold air condensing on stage frill and creating damp. A Wright to buy rolls of quilted foil backed insulation for job and arrange fitting. **AW**

- c. Render on outside will need replaced. New quotes for work are required. Can apply for a Capital Grant (60%) from Fife Council. **AW**
- d. Some progress on photos for the Hall – we could do these on canvas for safety. Photos to be sourced. **SMJ/ JMC**
- 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 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 asked who this belongs to?
- Plant cherry trees at each end of village (if not already done)

We will need lots of volunteers to achieve everything. Refreshments will provided in the Hall and it could be a sort of drop in event where people can come along for a certain task or a certain amount of time. Maureen/ Marcus to talk to Parent Council; Hannah has advised Rangers could support the stream walk clearance. Any other ideas for helpers gratefully received. Coordination and purchase of materials **M Williams/ JMC/ SMJ/ SW/ AW/ TG**

6.Events committee report

- a. 21st April proposed date for Spring Coffee Morning. Children to sing- possibly Burns
- b. Stovie Dance proposed date 21.4.12 as well- 7.30pm-10.30pm BYOB + stovies £5 + £1 kids. Teri to contact Eric Titterington about date – cost £50 for 2 hours.
- c. M Andrews has booked Crooked Jack show. **MA**
- d. 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, meet at Hannah's on 24.2.12 to discuss.
- f. WRI Bingo Tea is on 24.2.12 starting at 6.30pm.

7 Treasurers report

Balance £6535

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**

Next meeting 8th March 2012 7.30pm