

Gateside & District Community Association
Minutes 9th October 2014 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Present: Sue Whistler, Andrew Macnaughton, Jane Macnaughton, Babs Bernard, Grace Cronie, Frankie Carslake, Kat Wright, Hannah Phillips, Valerie Weir, Susan Jack, Kevin McLaughlin, Sue Hogg, Bobby Thompson, Norma Robertson, Lynn Philibain, Bryan Morris, Ruwan Fernando

Apologies: Teri Gillan, Emma Morgan, Kate Fernando, Mrs C Durie, Alan Wright, Andy Heer

In attendance: Councillor – Donald Lothian (DL)

Minutes Proposed: H Phillips, Seconded; K Wright

Community Matters

1. Discussed possibility of railings to protect pedestrians on narrow pavement before traffic light crossing. DL advised that railings can be a driver hazard if too close to road, which might make the pavement too narrow to put railings up. In Auchtermuchty the road has been narrowed to accommodate railings at narrow point and now cars and lorries can't pass at this point slowing traffic. Asked if this was a possible solution in Gateside but DL felt the location was not comparable. As a general point village would like wider pavement and slower traffic. Community Association support the Community Councils request for railings at narrow pavement to Hall. Speed camera partnership in Gateside has been retained thanks to DL. The question of extending 20mph through village from school to Hall is being discussed by Mrs Durie (Headteacher) with Fife transportation. **DL** to raise again.
2. Fife Plan – consultation will start soon on the Draft Plan. This is now a biannual review. The Community Council has expressed concern that developers can apply for planning development out with village envelope **if** plans include “affordable housing”.
3. Path to school round the edge of the Park continues to flood in heavy rain. This has been discussed previously and action was promised but so far not completed. Drains require sorted and path resurfaced possibly. **DL**
4. November meeting will include short Remembrance service and laying of a wreath at the War Memorial in the Hall. Fife Council will provide a wreath **DL**
5. Congratulations given to Donald Lothian for Fife Council's award for Best Council of the Year, which includes award for best place for older people to live and award for use of technology.
6. School will continue using the Hall twice per week on Tuesday and Friday – need to check heating schedule **AW/TG**. Children now walking to Hall again.
7. Refurbishment
 - Meeting required to progress projects including: re-surface floor; notice boards; paint main Hall; paint window sills outside; new front door; replacement shed **JM/SJ/SW/AW**. Quotes required for : repair kitchen window; paint Hall and sills; new front door - **A Wright** .
 - Look at grants but also consider fundraising events for these projects. Possibly beetle drive, WRI would help publicise this through their group.
 - Gardening day required to refill pots and tidy up wildflowers. Big Lunch may be able to get seeds.
8. Events
 - Harvest Festival to be held on 9.10.14 in the afternoon
 - Halloween party to be held on 31.10.14. All children in village invited 6-7.30pm. Scary decorations are planned for outside Hall. Children will be guising afterwards
 - Next film “Ghostbusters” after Halloween. On 1.11.14 at 5pm with tea time food.
 - Xmas Panto trip to run on 12.12.14 to Adam Smith – list of names to school.
 - Discussion on Xmas Fair – agreed to change to Beetle (snowman) drive as a joint fundraiser with the school. Provisional date Saturday 13.12.14 in the afternoon. Cake and

candy stall for Hall, school will have table to fundraise as well – possibly hamper raffle. Entry fee for snowman drive and mince pies with wine (?) and tea shared between Hall and school. Children will possible sing carols.

- World War I Memory Walk scheduled for 11.11.14. Invitation to older residents from children to join them on a walk round Gateside to share memories of history of village and what is it was like to live here in earlier times. Combine with sharing photos and memorabilia on World War I to coincide with centenary anniversary. Walk to finish with tea and cakes in the Hall. **HP** to organise invitations. Anyone with photos of Gateside or World War I to drop them in or come along on the day. George Gall to be contacted re photos and possibly showing the village DVD on the day **HP**. Also speak to Eden at the Mill about visiting there, **HP**. Baking required
 - Wreath laying and Remembrance at 7.30 on 13.11.14 just before Hall meeting. David Cowling has agreed to officiate, Donald Lothian will bring wreath.
9. Treasurer report Bank balance £7249.84.
Treasurer will try to arrange childcare in order to come to some meetings.
10. AGM Publicise meeting for AGM on 11.12.14 and also ask for interest in standing for office bearers. Notice to be placed in Fife Herald **HP**
11. CHAS scarf appeal. Sandra Farrar has received over 2630 scarves so far but needs help to organise the photographing and sale of these scarves in aid of CHAS funds. Also planning a Charity Dinner Dance and Auction on 24.10.14 £30 per ticket – tickets available from Sandra on 07523550014, two celebrity scarves will be auctioned. Sale of scarves in Kinross School planned for 26.10.14 -help required for this. If you have any spare time to help with photographs; thank you letters; display boards please get in touch with Sandra on her mobile or through the Gateside Facebook page.
12. Gateside Inn has been for sale for some time now and owners are looking at change of use in order to sell for residential development. Owner – Walter Alexander had hoped to be at meeting but delayed. Questions were asked on possible ventures including: community partnership; social enterprise possibly with college training element; fast and fresh sandwich /café type venture. Has been successful in the past as a good restaurant but drink driving makes it difficult to run as pub alone. Don't want a derelict building but would like to know that all avenues have been pursued. Ask owner: what rental value would be; if any offers have come in; marketing / other avenues considered. Note from Cllr Any Heer advising this is a one way street and once it is gone won't be reversible. Agreed to consult village more and ask owner for input.
13. AOB
- Newsletters for Cowiefaulds and Wellfield requested by Norma Robertson, **HP**.
 - Welcome pack for new people moving to village suggested by Hannah and Kat, to include general information about the village. **HP/ KW**
 - Agreed to include cleaning referendum posters off signs as part of gardening day.

Next meeting 11.12.14 at **7pm** for half an hour before AGM starts at 7.30pm