

The Gateside and District Community Association
Minutes for 10th March 2011

1. Present: Grace Cronie, , Bobby Thompson, , Sue Whisler, Jane Macnaughton, Susan Jack, Donald Lothian, Emma Morgan, Kate Fernando, Maureen Andrews, Marcus Keaveney, , Katrina Allan, Agnes Allan, Mike Williams, Teri Gillan, Scott Mc Clymont – Fife Council
2. Apologies: Alan Wright, Valerie Weir, David Jones, David Cowling, Sandra Farrer, Joan Hogarth
3. Minutes – 10.1.11 proposed by K Fernando, seconded by J Macnaughton – adopted.
4. Community matters: **Action points**

- a) Potholes reported to D Lothian at: Milnathort road before Burnside temporary repair crumbling; Leden Urquhart, Station rd at top going to Dryside. D Lothian reported 2700+ potholes fixed by Fife Council.
- b) Grating blocked on Main Rd at school end on houses side. Not taking water during heavy rain.
- c) Caravan Site Planning Application

- J Macnaughton , S Jack and D Cowling met with the planner R Stirling and a representative from transportation to discuss the application and represent the village view following the meeting on 10.2.11. Key issues for the planners are: the junction on to the A91; the scale of the development in relation to the village; it is outside Local Plan. Planners are gathering views from all concerned and it is likely to go to the Planning Committee on 11th May 2011 at Cupar.
- D Cowling previously advised that it would be advisable for as many as possible to attend the NE Fife Planning Committee meeting regarding this application so that Councillors are aware that this is important to the village. The GCA committee will confirm the date and time of this meeting to residents of Gateside. **SMJ**
- Mr Wilson attended the recent Community Council meeting in Gateside, but was unable to speak as he had not arranged to do so or identified himself at the start of the meeting. The CC voted to object to the proposed development.

The access issue for Mrs Robertson into the top of the park behind the school was briefly raised. Progress to be checked **DL SMJ**

5. Out of School Club proposal

Scott Mc Clymont, Team Leader Early Years outlined the background to the proposal. Due to lack of childminders in village, the parent council had made contact to consider feasibility of an Out of school club. The school does not have the space to accommodate this so the Memorial Hall is a possible venue. A feasibility study indicates sufficient interest for an afternoon club, but not breakfast club, at present. Between 11-16 children per day is the current level of interest (ave 12.8 per week). The club would run in term time only, 3-6pm. A Care Commission survey would be required to establish suitability of the Hall. Ratio of children to adults is 1:10, with 2 playleaders minimum. Fife would look to redeploy staff from clubs that are likely to close. Following a discussion the key issues to be addressed are as follows:

- Storage – 1 filing cabinet and 2 metal cabinets for toys will need to be accommodated in the Hall (probably in room behind stage). Exact dimensions of cupboards to be advised **S McClymont/ D Jones**
- Cost of hire will affect viability. Ladybank charges £7 per hour, but this is below actual cost of running Gateside Hall per hour. Need to work out a proposed hire cost for Gateside, bearing in mind benefits of regular hire. **JMc, SMJ, EM, TG, AW**
- Hall would have to be able to withdraw venue for Polling/ school rehearsals. School could offer dining room on these occasions.
- Cost of alterations required for Care Commission
- Additional cleaning required

S McClymont advised Council may be able to help with last 2 issues. 1 year contract would be minimum. Club needs 12 children to break even, estimated revenue is approx £22000, with over £13000 required for staff. Additional children could be offered places from Strathmiglo to ensure viability of Club. Maximum numbers likely to be around 25, cost per child will be £8.75 per session.

- Gateside parent Council to find out about interest from Strathmiglo

6. Hall fees

JMc has carried out a review of costs vs hire revenue which indicates that the cost of 1 hours hire last year was £10.70 compared with the charge of £8 per hour. Following discussion on this it was agreed that office bearers should come back to next Association meeting with a fee proposal to take into consideration: resident/non-resident; extra expense of first hour; school; keeping exercise classes going; not too complicated; when to start. **JMC EM AW TG SMJ**

7. Report from refurbishment sub committee

Thanks go to Alan Stewart along with local farmers who have created new car park beside Hall, this is a major improvement. Key priorities are the stage curtains, the roans and downpipes and lighting. Refurbishment committee will continue to progress work and grant applications. **JMC AW SMJ SW**

8. Events committee report

Spring Coffee morning preferred date is 26.3.11, 10-12am . **Volunteers required, cake and candy, tombola and raffle prizes all gratefully received.** Also possibly having face painting, guess the weight of the cake/ birthday of the doll. Children will sing at around 11am.

This will **fund village bus trip to Tweed Valley** on 18.6.11, 33 seater bus booked – see Teri to book a space.

Zumba class starts 23.3.11 8-9pm £3.50

Sue is progressing fundraising idea of a **Gateside race**. Probably September weekday evening. We would marshal and provide sandwich tea and charge £5 per entry. **SW** to progress

7 Treasurers report

Bank account has £5350.79.

8 AOB

G Cronie advised WRI have been cold at some meetings. Teri always checks heating is on. Some radiators have been turned down – need sign to prevent this. Also very cold weather this winter has made it hard to heat even with boiler on 2-3hrs early.

Next meeting 14th April 7.30pm