

Gateside & District Community Association
Minutes 9 November 2017 7.30pm Memorial Hall

Present: Hannah Phillips, Kathryn Wright, Babs Bernard, Grace Cronie, Frankie Carslake, Elma Brown, Bobby Thompson, Teri Gillan, Jane McNaughton, Bill Gillan, Susan Jack, Andrew McNaughton, Beryl Cowling, PC Graeme Whittaker, PC Emma Fisher

Apologies: Valerie Weir, Bryan Morrice

In attendance: Cllr Donald Lothian

Minutes Proposed: Bobby Thompson **Seconded:** Elma Brown

Our thanks to Beryl and Andrew for their words of Remembrance. A short service was held in honour of all those who gave their lives in the Great War and Second World War.

Police Report

PC Graeme Whittaker and PC Emma Fisher attended to give their recent report. There were 1528 calls made to the police in North East Fife in the last month, of which 30 were emergency life-threatening situations and 338 other emergencies. Only 4 of these calls pertained to Gateside and of these two were regarding traffic and two miscellaneous.

The officers present kindly agreed to ask Fife Speed Camera Partnership (FSCP) if we could have the speed camera van located in different locations in the village. They continue to support village events with the school like the Macmillan Coffee morning and with bike-ability training for school children. The report will be copied to the Community Association website at www.gateside-fife.org.uk.

A proposed talk about Internet Safety / fraudulent calls will be widened to a greater audience following discussion with the Auchtermuchty Community Council (SJ) and a date will be organised for this.

Community Matters

1. Sign at Bower Park will take 2-3 months for a fix as needs full replacement.
2. Speeding - speed enforcement currently only at west end of village, PC Graeme Whittaker will speak with FSCP.
3. Grit Bin for hall - grit bins currently under a council review with thousands to be removed on quieter roads. We will need to wait until this review is complete.
4. Road closure A912 postponed till 18th November - re-route via Glenfarg. We may notice more lorries through village. Road will be closed for up to 6 weeks. There will be access but it will be closed to through traffic.

5. State of repair of road on entering Gateside from Strathmiglo in need of attention. May be due to increased traffic from lorries. Pot holes and defects can be reported via Fife Council website. KW to put the number for reporting these in noticeboard.
6. Bus shelters on main road near mill in need of cleaning. DL has had them added to repairs programme. Burnside one needs glass. A date was set by members of the committee to have a cleaning taskforce on Sunday 19th November at 2pm. Everyone welcome - meet at hall with buckets/cloths.
7. Burnside pot holes - never been fixed. Is this an "adopted" area? DL to check. This information has not yet been uncovered.
8. Unadopted Roads. Possibility of joining with other communities affected by this issue. These roads serve schools and could become inaccessible to emergency services if the council does not repair them.

Hall business

1. Clock has been fixed and is running on time. Many thanks to Bill for arranging this.
2. Heating panel to be looked at - alternatives that are easier to manage. HP to check SCVO. SJ will look into options regarding control by mobile phone via Bluetooth.
3. Bryan to get handy man to check cistern noise in pipes. This is scheduled for the next couple of weeks.
4. Constitution needs to be updated in 2018. 7 days notice of AGM must be given. It was proposed that this could be held in January, following the result of a vote at the December meeting.
5. Bill to order more oil please. BG

Events / Fundraising

Bank balance: 10, 746

Andrew suggested switching to CAF bank with an online bank account after various difficulties with current bank and change of signatories. BG

GMS concert to be Friday 1st December. St Andrews music night. This will be a partial fundraiser for Seniors Lunch. JM offered to make the "Guess the Weight of the cake" cake. There will be a raffle. Donations for this are very welcome. Tickets at 6 pounds for adults and 4 for children from Bill. Posters to be distributed and emailed HP.

GMS to also have a carols evening on Wednesday 13th Dec (tbc). Everyone is welcome to come along. The committee will provide mince pies and coffee for this event.

Seniors Lunch - date of either Thursday 21st confirmed. Hamper raffle on the day. Donations of goods for the hamper would be appreciated and can be given to any committee member. It was agreed that these raffle tickets could be sold outwith the event, e.g. at the wreath-making night and elsewhere.

Ken Wright has very kindly offered to sponsor a glass of fizz on arrival for all the attendees. Invitations in hand and RSVPS to be in by end November. KW & HP Michael from GMS has kindly offered to have some music after lunch - BG to please accept invitation.

Wreath making Tuesday 12th Dec 7pm. Places to be booked with HP. 15 pounds per wreath. Donations for mulled wine on the night please.

Hall & Santa booked for Sunday 17th December 2-4pm. Sue and Hannah happy to organise with help and input from anyone else who wants to be involved. All children of village welcome accompanied by an adult.

It is hoped that Buttons and Bows will attend for Hogmanay on 31st December. We are awaiting confirmation on this. BG.

Fundraising Quiz and/or a Film night to be in Jan/Feb

AOB

WRI confirmed that they are indeed insured.

TG to get weedkiller for Davy, who does a great job of looking after the grass.

A budget of £100 was agreed for KW to buy Christmas lighting for the hall.

HP to email DL regarding mess in recycling area which was not discussed earlier in the meeting - old pram, toys etc have been flytipped.

Next meeting: 14 December, 7.30pm 2017 (AGM to be held in January)