

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 10 June 2009 in Clober Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mr I Petrie, (Chairperson) Mrs E Gibson, (Treasurer) Mrs R Hooper, (Secretary)
Mr N Weir, Ms J Horn, Mrs S Longrigg, Mrs G Ross, Mr J Cullen, Mr J Kerr, Cllr J
Gibbons & Cllr E Gotts. Residents as per signing in sheet.

Apologies

Mr J Warren

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Ian Petrie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee to all those present. He confirmed that the park clean up was a great success and thanked the Milngavie Boys Club, Greenspace and the Mugdock Country Rangers for their support, which helped to make the event a success.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2008

These were proposed by Neil Weir and seconded by Jean Horn.

Matters Arising

We have had good dialogue with the Community Safety Department and the Community Officers have been patrolling the area and are issuing fines for dropped litter and dog fouling. It is understood the Officers will be visiting Douglas Academy in an endeavour to tackling litter in and particularly surrounding the school. We were also informed by Councillors Gibbons and Gotts that the Hunter Road improvements will be delayed. The cost to move the Utilities alone is in the region of £40-50,000 and the overall cost could be in excess of £200,000 and EDC will require to bid for monies from central government and therefore works will not go ahead this year.

The new Douglas Academy is due to open after the summer holidays.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the account is £1,733.70 as at 30 April 2009. The Treasurer thanked Mrs Chris Petrie for auditing our accounts. Over the past year we have donated to the Douglas Academy Youth Parliament team the sum of £200 and a small donation to the Kirkintilloch Skate Park, in the sum of £30, for their services when they set up their equipment to help with the litter pick up in the park. It was explained that the subscription remained at £5 this year and that we were asking for an additional £5 as a donation towards our fundraising for the park. So far the Treasurer was pleased to report that we had received a good response to our request.

Introduction of Website/Way Forward

A short demonstration was given on the new MERA website. We were asked if we would be open to putting links on the site and certainly this would be something we would consider. Mrs Sofio offered to put a link to our website, on the Crime Prevention Panel website, which would be useful. We were also asked if we would consider a swap-shop type of link on the site and we have agreed to discuss this when we resume after the summer break. This would only be for our residents.

AOCB

There are still mixed feelings regarding the bus routes through the estate. Whilst there is a need for the service, the frequency and style of bus i.e. double deckers at non peak times, could still be looked at. However, the meeting was informed that Cllr Gotts had been in regular contact with First Bus and our members had met with them last year, however as First Bus is a commercial business they are under no obligation to carry out our wishes. Everyone was therefore urged to contact First Bus direct every single time an issue arises.

Tesco Store – There was no further information available regarding the proposed development.

Kilmardinny Update – John Cullen gave a presentation to update the meeting on the Reporter's decision. A petition was also available for signature on behalf of the Kilmardinny Action Group. Whilst the Reporter has ruled in favour of the development EDC are under no obligation to sell the sports centre land and Councillors are taking advice on this.

Councillor Gotts advised that the EDC Planning Board will hold a public hearing after the summer recess regarding the West of Scotland application. It is understood there are strong feelings on both sides with regards to moving to Auchenhowie site. This meeting may be possibly held in the Town Hall. He also confirmed that the new Douglas Academy will be opening after the summer holidays. Councillor Gotts also confirmed what was mentioned earlier with regards to the Hunter Road situation. He advised that Tarmac have been given permission to extend towards West Dunbartonshire. As a result they have undertaken to improve the Milngavie footpath link to the Kilpatrick Hills and improved footpaths will be the result to link with those already in existence. Councillors will also be attending a seminar on 11 June 2009 to get up to date legal advice re Kilmardinny application and once they have received this there will be another meeting on 16 June for councillors to consider the course of action that EDC should take.

Councillor Gotts also confirmed that there will be a litter pick up by the eco-committee at Douglas Academy and it is hoped that this will include the woodland at Achray Place. This question was also raised by a resident with regard to the poor state of the woodland between Achray and the Douglas Academy entrance road.

Neil and Rona updated the meeting with regards to discussions they had regarding the park. The kick about area will be moved temporarily to allow the existing area to be treated and re-seeded and then to recover. Afterwards the goalposts will be returned to the original site. Talks had taken place with Cllr Amanda Stewart with regard to the park and it had been hoped that the benches in the precinct could be relocated to the park. But this is not now possible as they are not of a suitable type. We had asked for a footpath to be made to the kick-a-bout area but do not know if this is possible. We have requested that the footpath which runs from Hunter Road up to Falloch Road

along the side of the park, be given a name. This will enable EDC and police etc to identify the path in order that regular clearance of leaves, winter gritting etc can be carried out.

Election of Committee

It was with sadness that three long serving members resigned from the committee but a vote of thanks was expressed for their extremely worthwhile and hard work over the years and they were presented with a parting gift.

A request was made for new members and Mrs C Petrie proposed Mrs Eleanor Adie who was welcomed onto the committee. The remaining members were proposed by Mrs D Sofio and seconded by Mrs G Ross.

Correspondence

We had received an e-mail from a resident concerning Hacking and Paterson and the water feature, in particular charges in January and March 2009 for new pumps. However, there were no other residents present who were able to comment. The meeting was advised that in previous years we had endeavoured to form a sub-committee to deal with the factoring issues but were unable to get volunteers to contribute.

We also received an offer of the services of Jazz band whose members are local to the estate which could help with possible future fundraising events.

Date of Next Meeting

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