

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 21 October 2009 in Douglas Academy at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mr I Petrie, Mrs E Gibson, Mrs R Hooper, Ms J Horn, Mrs S Longrigg, Mr J Kerr, Mrs E Adie, Provost Gotts, Cllr J Gibbons & Cllr B Binks.

Apologies

None

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Ian Petrie welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was noted with regret that Mr J Cullen has resigned from the Committee. The Committee are very grateful for all his help and valued contribution over the years and particularly all the hard work with the Kilmardinny Action Group.

Minutes of Meeting on 26 August 2009

These were proposed by Jean Horn and Seconded by Eleanor Adie

Matters Arising

Hunter Road is still ongoing see AOCB for further comments. We feel that we shall need to see if Community Support Wardens are still patrolling as the dog fouling is bad again and does not seem to be improving.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the account is £2,792.58 We have received 159 subscriptions so far this year and donations to our park project of £665. We have also received a donation from Milngavie Community Council of £1000 towards our Park Project, which has been very gratefully received.

Park Update

Jean and Rona advised that they had been successful in obtaining the sum of £1000 from Milngavie Community Council, which was much appreciated. In addition it looks as though our Awards for All funding application will be successful, subject to us supplying further information. We should have a final decision by December. Furthermore, our application to WREN for funding has had to be re-submitted by EDC working in partnership with the Association. So instead of it just being solely from MERA it is being applied for under EDC. We have forwarded letters of support from Provost Gotts and Cllr Gibbons together with letters of support from Clober Primary School and Douglas Academy with our applications. Gordon Strain and Lesley Scott both from EDC are applying for this on our behalf. With regards to the

funding applied for from our councillors' local fund they have advised that they are not in a position to advise us, as yet, if they will be able to assist. We also enquired about the funds from McTaggart Meikle in respect of the Douglas Academy ground and our councillors are aware that sums will be forthcoming that will be ring fenced for Mains Park and Lesley Scott of Greenspace is aware of this. Cllr Binks did confirm, as did Cllr Gibbons that this was mentioned at the recent planning meeting.

Craigton Woods

As the representatives of the Lawrence Brothers did not attend our last meeting we managed to meet with them at a member's house. They had been at Douglas Academy and made a presentation (to our surprise) to the Eco-committee at the school. It is understood that a local resident has also asked to make a presentation to the school, but to date he has not received a response. The Agents produced a plan of what Craigton Woods could look like should they be successful in having the designation of the area changed from Green Belt, Tree Preservation Area and important Wildlife Corridor and special interest. We agreed to try to consult with our residents and this consultation is still ongoing. The proposals can be viewed on the website. A newsletter on this subject is at the printers and Ian shall distribute this asap. Several residents are keeping the area tidy as there is increased pedestrian traffic now that the schools are back. EDC also have a regular litter pick up Monday to Thursday. The final draft of the Local Plan is now available for consultation and the deadline for comments has been extended to 23 November 2009 at 5pm.

Website

Sarah has now got the blog up and running. In addition there are several photographs of Craigton Woods together with a link to an aerial map. There is a good lot of information on the site now.

AOCB

Provost Gotts advised that Scottish Water have written to MOD to see if the fencing round the reservoirs can come down. Cllr Gibbons advised that Scottish Water have won their appeal regarding the car parking.

Provost Gotts advised that we are still awaiting a decision on the final outcome re Kilmardinny from the Reporter following the extension to the discussions.

Hunter Road is still an ongoing issue. As advised previously this will now be linked into the Fire Station field application. Costs could be in the region of £200,000 to get Council approval and works could be over a 2 year period if the bid to the Transport Working Group goes ahead. In addition there is still the issue of CPO on the grass verge.

The West of Scotland Rugby Ground planning application got approval in principle. Provost Gotts also advised that with regard to gritting there are certain roads within the area that must be done within a short time scale. Thereafter the other roads will be tackled. Grit bins are in the area and residents should be encouraged to use them. There will be a site visit to the proposed development within the Douglas Academy ground at Ardlui Gardens by the planning board on 27 November 2009. The naming of the pathway along side the park is also in hand.

Correspondence

We received letters of thanks from John Warren.

We shall send a letter of thanks to the Community Council for their donation.

Dates of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 December 2009 at Douglas Academy.