

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

Held on Wednesday 30 March 2011 in Douglas Academy at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Committee Mr I Petrie, Mrs R Hooper, Ms J Horn, Mrs S Longrigg, Mrs E Adie, Mrs E Gibson & Mr J Kerr

In attendance - CSOs - Allan Band and Michelle Nisbet
Cllrs B Binks and J Gibbons
Police Officer Heather Dixon

Apologies

Councillor E Gotts and Mrs F McNeish

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

IP welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes of Meeting on 19 January 2011

These were proposed by Jean Horn seconded by Elizabeth Gibson

Matters Arising

Cllrs Gotts advised prior to this meeting that there will be a meeting with Roads Dept next week to finalise the capital programme for next financial year. Money should be found within EDC after April to effect works on Hunter Road, albeit slightly modified to reflect the one resident who is not willing to sell. The modified proposal should, hopefully, do away with the need for a Compulsory Purchase Order which should reduce time and costs. Cllr Binks advised on the aforementioned points too and added that the bids were in for the proposed roundabout works at the T junction at Baljaffray and Duntocher Road, leading to Hardgate from Bearsden.

The Reporter appointed into the Tesco proposals has upheld the Council's refusal of planning permission. Cllr Gotts advised that the Reporter's decision was based on design and scale, effect on Gavin's Mill, Woodburn Way and the general Conservation Area. It was noted that he (The Reporter) did not accept the argument put across re traffic and affect on the Town Centre.

Cllr Gotts also advised that he had a meeting with Ian Lavery and Gilbert McVean who are the traders involved with the Town Centre Steering Group and those involved with the BID (Business Improvement District), along with Grace Irvine of EDC. These two gentlemen are currently supervising and operating the toilets at the present time. Funding of £15000 was approved in February following an EDC meeting and it is hoped this will be used to buy equipment, cleaning materials, capital works and if

possible make more pleasant outside. Milngavie in Bloom have also been involved in the discussions. With the toilets being included as part of the Town Centre BID it would be hoped that they could be transformed for the better and perhaps even a small office where a Town Centre caretaker could be based who would have responsibility for the toilets and other things within Milngavie Town Centre.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the account is £18,916.88. The bulk of this is made up as follows:- £10000 received from Awards for All for our park project
£1000 received from Milngavie Community Council for the park project
£3000 received from EDC Community Grant Scheme for the park project
£1347 received by way of donations from residents for the park project
£1000 received by way of donation from Councillors' Ward Fund for the Park project.

Also East Dunbartonshire Greenspace currently holds £5000 from Tarmac which was donated to our park project, and £10000 from WREN. Our three local Councillors were thanked, again, for the donation of £1000 from their ward fund which has now been received.

Community Support Officers' Report

We welcomed Allan and Michelle to the meeting and were pleased to note that they had been successful in their job applications. The new post involves taking on new duties and responsibilities. They shall be visiting licensed premises checking on smoking, dealing with night noise complaints etc together with their existing responsibilities. During the daytime they are still in the Milngavie and Bearsden area, however on night duty they shall be EDC wide. They confirmed that they had been monitoring the areas causing concern re dog fouling and had carried out a leaflet drop. It was pointed out that groups of youths had been reported in residents' gardens and they shall watch for this.

Police Report

There had been no violent crime reported in the area. Three incidents where youths were damaging property at the beginning of March. However, continuing to work with CSO's to tackle any situations that should arise. Police are also continuing to carry out local licensing checks. It was also reported that there had been two incidents involving drugs (cannabis). No bogus crime incidents reported. There had been one case of an uninsured driver. We were asked to remind residents to be extra vigilant over the Easter period and to watch out for an increased trend in vehicle number plates being stolen.

Park Update

JH & RH advised first phase done. Jean advised that Keith Scrimgeour was arranging to contact EDC's publicity department. We would wish to arrange a small opening ceremony to include representatives of the organisations who donated to the first phase of the project along with representatives from EDC and our three local councillors who have all supported this worthwhile cause. It was pleasing to note that lots of children were using the equipment immediately after completion. At the same time it is hoped that we could perhaps get a small plaque on the gate to say who had contributed to this park along with EDC. We hope to be able to do something soon either in the Easter holidays or after school with perhaps Clober Primary pupil council, who had a large input into the project. It was also suggested that we should try to highlight the fact that the path has been named by EDC in our press release. It was noted that we were very grateful and thankful for all the help we have received.

IP advised that we have the possibility of obtaining 105 young trees and he will continue to make enquiries with EDC Greenspace to see if these could be used within the park. He will also make enquiries with Mugdock Country Rangers for help and assistance with this. They will not be delivered until November and we can cancel if things do not fit into the right time scale.

Website

Everything still fine with the site and our thanks was passed to Sarah who had done extremely well in keeping the site up to date during the water contamination incident. We were reminded that we need to encourage residents to sign up in our newsletter.

Residential Matters

The recent water contamination incident, whereby aluminium had been leaked into the water supply had raised concerns with many. Whilst the committee noted that we were pleased that Scottish Water had dealt with the incident quickly and that our supply had only been affected for just over 24 hours, it was felt we would write to Scottish Water to find out exactly what had happened and what steps could be taken to improve communication should something happen again. It was also suggested that we could invite a representative to come along to our AGM on 1 June 2011.

AOCB

The condition of the roundabout was highlighted at Hunter Road. It seems that the barriers etc are continually being vandalised or vehicles driving into them. Cllr Gibbons and Binks did state this had been noticed and reported to EDC. It is difficult as we have not heard what the timescale is for the Fire Station development. However, we do think that they may only have approx. 18 months left before they would require re-applying for permission. It would be sensible for remedial works to the roundabout to be effected at the same time as construction works.

RH reported back to the committee on the meeting held on 29 March 2011 to consult with residents on the future of the Allander Leisure Centre. The meeting had been very good and it highlighted the volume of people who use the Centre for a variety of purposes. The summary of the evening was that it was unanimous that residents did not want anything less than what was already provided.

It was decided that we would send out a short flyer inviting people to come along and discuss various issues at our AGM. Hopefully, we shall get a representative from Scottish Water. We shall continue with the tear off slip for subscriptions.

Correspondence

A letter of thanks was received from the CSOs.

Dates of Next Meetings

11 May 2011

1 June 2011 (AGM)