

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION
Held on Wednesday 11 May 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, Mrs F McNeish & Mr J Kerr

In attendance - Environmental Wardens - Allan Band and Michelle Nisbet
Cllrs B Binks and J Gibbons & E Gotts

Apologies

None

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 Eleanor Adie

Matters Arising

Cllr Gibbons advised that there will be a meeting on 12 May 2011 with EDC Roads Officials and hopefully works will commence soon on Hunter Road. The objector to Hunter Road seemed to have withdrawn their objections. Works have already commenced to create a roundabout at the T junction from Baljaffray to Duntocher. It was noted that the Milngavie Traders are still managing the public toilets in the precinct.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the account is £18,900.90. 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.

Environmental Wardens' Report

We welcomed Allan and Michelle to the meeting and they advised that their job title is now Environmental Warden. They have completed their Noise Course and shall shortly receive qualifications and certificates which will enable them to act on noise disturbance matters in addition to their current powers. They had carried out a joint action plan with the police and were mindful of the dog fouling issues in the estate, however no notices were issued. However, it was still felt that their presence was an

effective deterrent. They have also requested patrols for litter, especially after lunch during school time and Kenny Kerr is looking into this. The committee also asked if a litter bin could be provided within the fenced area of the park. Also a replacement bin was requested where one had been burned within the past couple of days on Falloch Road at the steps to Ardlui Gardens. We were reminded that the wardens can be contacted on 0800 013 1209 and this is 24hr line. This is the call centre who can contact them by mobile.

Police Report

The Police did not attend.

Park Update

Rona had spoken with Clare Robertson of EDC publicity section who confirmed that she had contacted Provost Gotts together with Cllrs Binks and Gibbons and Clober Primary School to ascertain if 2nd or 3rd June was available for a wee opening ceremony for the park. The available date was 2 June 2011 at 10 a.m. The Committee were asked to be available for this date. Ms Robertson advised that it would be Keith Scrimgeour who would be sending out invitations on behalf of EDC and MERA and that we are to advise him of who we would like to invite.

Website

Sarah advised that all well and just to keep sending her any information we require to be put onto the site. Also to remind residents to register for info. when we send out our newsletter and at the AGM.

Residential Matters

The leak at the water feature has been found at the bottom pond and this will be repaired and will then be re-filled.

AGM

Scottish Water has declined, meantime to attend our AGM pending an ongoing investigation into the recent water contamination. They shall contact us when this is complete. It was agreed that we would invite a representative from "We Like Milngavie" to provide an update. Ian advised of his intention to stand down as Chairperson at the AGM.

AOCB

We received an e-mail before our meeting from an Andy MacGregor, a local resident, who advised that MERA should have been consulted on proposals for Mains Plantation with regard to felling of a large area of trees. These trees having preservation orders on them. He had noticed that our e-mail address was wrong on the list he had been provided with, unfortunately the date for the consultation had passed. However, we have raised the matter with our three Councillors and have e-mailed information to them and they have agreed to look into this. The current

proposal, describes various operations, including the felling of various parts of the woodland. Most of the felling coupes are small and are aimed at enhancing the biodiversity of the woodland. One however, is much larger being 3 hectares, and is proposed for commercial extraction of mature oak to feed a small market for Scottish hardwoods. This proposed area is considered to be the only substantial part of the woodland, with trees over 100 years old. The committee will have the information circulated to them and perhaps we can make comment.

It was noted that the traffic wardens are no longer employed and EDC will have responsibility for enforcing traffic and parking issues.

Cllr Gotts mentioned that the Edinburgh train service was further improving to two trains an hour.

Correspondence

Letter of apology from Scottish Water for not being able to attend AGM.

“We Like Milngavie” forwarded correspondence for consideration regarding Tesco and we agreed with their comments. We also added that more should be made of the fact that the train station is a listed building and that Tesco is in between it and Gavin’s Mill. Others comments were that recycling could be improved greatly together with the Allander river and litter issues. It was felt that the community should seek to maximise every opportunity to obtain improvements to the surrounding area. Planning gain was also mentioned and the group should bear it mind.

Dates of Next Meetings

1 June 2011 (AGM)