

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Held on Wednesday 8 June 2011 in Clober Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

Present

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

Three representatives from "We Like Milngavie Group" & Community Police Officer

Apologies

Ms J Horn, Mrs F McNeish, Mr N Weir, Environmental Wardens

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Ian Petrie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the committee to all
those present.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 27 May 2010

These were proposed by Mr J Kerr and seconded by Mrs E Adie.

Matters Arising

Provost Gotts and Councillor Gibbons provided an update on how matters were
progressing re Hunter Road improvements. The aim of the improvements had to
include provision for safe walking to schools, tackle the congestion particularly due to
parking problems and to help a smoother flow of traffic. Also parking was required
for the Hunter Road residents. Nine months ago the grants from SPT were
withdrawn. This resulted in funding remaining in place for the roundabout at
Baljaffray but not Hunter Road. However, East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) have
now stepped in. Most of the land issues have been resolved with only one resident
not giving consent, however EDC should be able to get round this issue. Proposals
include realigning Hunter Road from Castlemains Road down to the roundabout at
Craigdhu Road. Parking bays will be made on the housing side and a pavement will
be created on the opposite side which is currently mainly grass and gravel. Works
should start this financial year.

We Like Milngavie

A presentation and slideshow was given by representatives of "We Like Milngavie"
Group which was very informative and interesting on the Tesco application which had

been refused and the current situation with regard to Tesco consulting with the community over a fresh application. Consultations should take place throughout the Summer months with a new application being lodged after the Summer. “We Like Milngavie” had submitted a document to Tesco representing a Community view for a Store that is Right for Milngavie. The Community Council have requested that a Public Meeting take place, possible within Milngavie Town Hall. Thanks were expressed for the excellent presentation and work the Group are doing to represent the Community.

Police Report

The Officer gave a brief update on incidents within the area and wider community. We were updated on the campaigns that are carried out and those ongoing. The issue regarding parking at the T junction of Castlemains Road with Hunter Road was raised again as residents have witnessed so many near misses at this spot. Cllr Gibbons made a specific request, again, that this issue be tackled by the Police. It was also highlighted to the meeting that Milngavie in general has a serious parking problem and as we no longer have a traffic warden it was raised that the police should be tackling any parking problems that arise. The officer reiterated their previous message in that homeowners should be vigilant and watching out for garden sheds, garages and outhouses. Provost Gotts also highlighted to the officer that where Central Region borders EDC at Mugdock Country Park in the area locally known as Abie’s Loch, groups of up to 200 youngsters are gathering. A Central Region police officer had stated that on occasion the majority of these youngsters were from the Milngavie & Bearsden area and it was suggested that some form of joint working may be required to tackle the disorder caused.

Treasurer’s Report

The current balance of the account is £18900.90 which is mainly made up of grant funds which will shortly be paid out in connection with the works relating to the play equipment with regard to the first phase of the park project which has been well documented throughout the year and at our last AGM.

Website Update

Sarah advised that the website continues to have more information on it. Residents can view up to date minutes and general information about what is happening. She highlighted that there is a blog section which residents can select and it will give an option to sign up to the website thus enabling any news updates to be sent to you automatically. All residents are asked to subscribe to this and it was highlighted that it was particularly useful during the water crisis, bad winter weather etc. Residents were assured that they would not be inundated with info. as periods can go by where there is nothing at all to report.

Park Update

Rona advised that the first phase of providing new play equipment and designated area had been completed and was formally opened by Provost Gotts on 2 June 2011. It was hoped that we could now progress with the next phase of drainage, pathworks and tree planting. We had been given the offer of free trees from Scottish Woodland Trust and a request was made for help with the planting of these trees. IP advised that he had walked through the park with EDC tree officer to obtain advice as to what would be suitable, being guided by our plan. However, several residents expressed concern at the amount of trees (approx. 100) and this was noted by the committee. Concern was also expressed that there should be no additional trees planted along the length of the footpath which is to be named as Academy Way. It was highlighted that in the recent high winds there was concern about trees blowing over near to property. A letter had also been received from a Carnock Garden resident highlighting these points. IP also stated that some of the proposed planting, although referred to as trees are actually small bushes and hedging. However the committee were asked to be mindful as to the size such planting can grow to and maintenance. It was pointed out that we cannot do anything without approval from EDC and they will require to maintain any improvements planned, as was the case with the new play equipment.

AOCB

A request was received from some residents in Carnock Gardens (even numbers) and Falloch Road with regard to the trees which are planted at the turning point of Carnock Gardens Service Road. A specific request was made for the sum of £168 to pay for the hire of a skip following recent works on the trees by the homeowners. Also the Association was invited to provide a solution to the ongoing problem that the householders will face. These trees were planted approx. 30 years ago and are becoming a burden to maintain. The area concerned is owned by each householder and it was agreed that the Secretary would write to them to help facilitate a solution agreeable to all homeowners in the area. It was proposed that the findings would be put to the committee to decide and this was agreed by those attending.

A resident of Douglasmuir Drive had brought to the attention of the Association that the householder at 72 Douglasmuir Drive had extended his back garden and relocated his boundary fence approx. 3ft into the Woodland. The owner had also planted trees & shrubs past his boundary. Whilst it was felt that this would require to be addressed by Hacking & Paterson our local Councillors were asked to look into this matter and they agreed to do so.

RH advised that Hacking & Paterson were hopeful that the leak in the bottom pond at the water feature had been fixed and that the cost would be a lot less than previously expected. She had heard that it could be in the region of £20 per household. The one remaining goose had been relocated to a sanctuary as geese do not like to be alone and suffer stress if this happens.

Election of Committee

Ian Petrie advised that he would be stepping down as Chairperson and that Mr Jim Kerr would be replacing him. The committee were proposed by Mr E Dunn and Mr J Goodall.

Correspondence

None, other than those mentioned in previous sections.

Date of Next Meeting

TBA