

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2011 IN DOUGLAS ACADEMY AT 7.30 P.M.

Present

Mr J Kerr (Chairperson), Mrs E Gibson (Treasurer), Mrs R Hooper (Secretary), Mr I Petrie, Mrs E Adie, Mrs F McNeish, Mrs S Longrigg

In attendance – Cllr B Binks, PC Heather Dixon

Apologies

Provost E Gotts & Jean Horn

Chairperson's opening remarks

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting and thank IP for his services in his former capacity as Chairperson.

Police Report

PC Dixon reported that there had been several incidents of burglary within Mains Estate over the summer months. Three individuals have been arrested and charged. There are still a couple of further incidents outstanding and nobody has been apprehended yet. We were also reminded that thefts of copper and metals were on the increase and the quarry had been targeted recently with regard to this. It was reported to PC Dixon that youths hanging out within Mains Estate Park on Friday and Saturday nights were becoming increasingly disruptive. PC Dixon has taken note of our request to increase patrols especially late at night.

Environmental Support Wardens' Report

None

Minutes of meeting of 11 May 2011

Proposed – Elizabeth Gibson

Seconded – Ian Petrie

Matters Arising

Having written to Scottish Water again, they have advised that the report on the Aluminium contamination should be available this month. We shall endeavour to keep monitoring to obtain this. Regarding the issue concerning the boundary fence where the resident had extended his property boundary to include grounds belonging to the woodland, Cllr Binks advised that planning had not received a written complaint. RH shall endeavour to contact the lady again, who raised the issue at our AGM in June. Correspondence was received from Mr C Bushby regarding the plans for Mains Plantation. It was decided that we had taken the

matter as far as we could and hope that the promises made re wildlife, paths and reinstatement of trees is adhered to.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is £4,464.54 and this includes £1,347 still to be allocated to the park and this is earmarked for new goal posts and possibly a seat within the play equipment area.

Website Report

There was really nothing to report and not many had registered to receive information following the AGM. This really will require to be pushed as it is a good and easy way for two way communication.

Catter Gardens Service Road Trees

Following a letter we received the day before our AGM, signed by residents of Falloch Road and Catter Gardens together with a request made in person at our AGM for reimbursement of funds amounting to £168, we wrote to residents of both streets on 15 June 2011. To date we have only received a very small response to our letter. Of those responding, all were happy to contribute a share of the cost of the skip, amounting to £7 approx. Other suggestions were for a factor to be provided and for residents to rotate the duties of organising the cutting of the trees. After much discussion it was decided not to contribute towards the cost and it was agreed that we would write to the residents advising them of our decision.

General Residential Matters

Dog fouling appears to be on the increase again and we received a letter advising that Endrick Gardens was particularly bad. We agreed to write to the Environmental Wardens to establish if patrols could be carried out again. Cllr Gotts had advised, prior to the meeting, that works should start before the end of the year and possibly Oct/Nov on the Hunter Road improvements. He advised the current works are in connection with moving telephone cables. It was also highlighted during the summer that there is a van randomly parking in areas throughout the estate and in particular Ballagan. Also it was reported that individuals residing in Dunellan Road were parking outside properties in Falloch Road. Whilst there is nothing the Association can do unless the vehicles are not insured or have no road tax, it was appreciated that it was causing annoyance to the residents concerned.

AOCB

IP indicated that a decision was required as to whether we accept the donation of trees for the park from Scottish Woodland. However, due to the timing and the mixed feelings of residents it was decided not to proceed. Cllr Binks advised that the Council had been made a presentation by Tesco with regard to their proposed amendments. It would appear that they intend to take the top vents off and at the side, opposite Gavin's Mill, they propose arched units following on from the former Black Bull arches. He also suggested we contact Tesco to be involved in the consultation. We were asked if we could support the "We like Milngavie

Group” in their attempt to have TPO s placed on the trees surrounding the village. This was agreed. IP asked Cllr Binks if “A” boards had been removed from the precinct, he confirmed this had been done. RH advised that she had attended three of the EDC Budget consultation forums and JH had attended one too. The next round of savings require to be found. Some of the meetings focused on community groups and involvement. However, it became apparent that such groups as ourselves and Milngavie in Bloom will become more vital to our local communities. It should be highlighted that these organisations cannot become overburdened. RH also advised that Boclair House was on the market for sale and that Grange Avenue had already been sold. She had raised at the forums that the funds raised from the sale of these properties should be used within the Milngavie and Bearsden areas. EDC also wish to proceed with the creation of a hub within Milngavie.

Date of Next Meeting

16 November 2011