

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 16 November 2011 in Douglas Academy at 7.30 p.m.

Present

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

In attendance - Cllrs B Binks and J Gibbons & E Gotts

Apologies

Mrs E Adie and Environmental Wardens (through Allan Band)

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Meeting on 19 January 2011

These were proposed by Ian Petrie seconded by Elizabeth Gibson

Matters Arising

Cllr Gibbons advised that the tender for the Hunter Road works had been awarded and hopefully, weather permitting, works should commence in the New Year. IP advised that he had notified the Woodland Trust that we would not require the offer of trees, at the present time. Whilst the Environmental Wardens did not attend, Allan Band advised by e-mail that there was a new contact number for them on 0300 1234510. He and John were now covering Lennoxtown, Torrance, Balmore together with Milngavie and Bearden. The Wardens are working with EDC and the police on "Bottle Watch". This is the latest initiative re alcohol bottles and licensed premises. Early morning dog fouling patrols will be carried out over November December across EDC including Mains Estate starting at 7 a.m. to target offenders. Cllr Binks advised that EDC (Ruth Gordon) were looking into the issue raised by a Douglas Mains Drive resident regarding boundary fencing at 72.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the account is £4,499.54 of which £1347 is still reserved for the park.

Environmental Wardens' Report

Wardens could not attend and apologies were given and an update given as stated in Matters Arising above.

Police Report

The Police did not attend.

Park Update

Stephen Cowan of Tarmac invited two representatives from MERA to attend a tour of the quarry together with our local members. In addition he invited applications for funding for worthy projects. Jim Kerr and Jean Horn attended supported by Provost Gotts and have made an application for funding for goal posts and associated works.

Website

No change. We were contacted by a lady from Australia whose grandmother lived in the former gatehouse cottage to Mains Estate. She has provided photos of her grandmother and the cottage and gate in the background. It was very interesting reading her memories of the area and we hope to produce a picture of the cottage on the website.

Residential Matters

Rona had chased up the sign for Academy Way together with the directional sign which was taken away from Ardlui Gardens in June and has not yet been replaced. Cllr Gibbons has also chased up these outstanding matters along with several others concerning potholes on Falloch Road and clearance of leaves. The areas of the potholes have now been chalk marked following his intervention and we wait to see if repairs will be effected.

AOCB

“We like Milngavie” Group have contacted us to invite MERA to a presentation of the Design Framework drawn up by Paige and Park. This is on 23 November 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Fraser Centre.

Tesco had advised that they could not attend our meeting on 16 November 2011 and we shall advise them of our next meeting in January 2012 which they hope to attend.

Correspondence

Cala Homes and Stewart Milne builders have issued a consultation document regarding the future of the Allander Sports Centre. However, it was noted that this only gives three options and does not give consideration to facilities offered within the centre, traffic management and the rail halt and associated parking. It was felt that these, together with other information were required to enable proper consultation. However, our councillors confirmed that EDC is not involved in this consultation and are not bound by any findings. The consultation dates are 17 November at West of Scotland Rugby Club and 18 & 19 November within Kessington Hall.

Dates of Next Meetings

11 January 2012
14 March 2012
(Elizabeth will confirm if these are available)