

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 11 January 2012 in Douglas Academy at 7.30 p.m.

**Present**

Committee Mr J Kerr, Mrs E Gibson, Mrs R Hooper, Ms J Horn, Mrs F McNeish,  
Mrs E Adie

In attendance - Cllrs J Gibbons & E Gotts

Representatives from Tesco Mr Andrew Perrie, Ms Gloria Coats &  
Ms Kirsty Leiper

**Apologies**

Environmental Wardens (through Allan Band), Mr I Petrie, Mrs S Longrigg & Cllr B  
Binks

**Chairperson's Opening Remarks**

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Minutes of Meeting on 16 November 2011**

These were proposed by J Horn seconded by E Gibson

**Matters Arising**

None

**Treasurer's Report**

The current balance of the account is £4,500.34 of which £1347 is still reserved for  
the park.

**Environmental Wardens' Report**

None, unable to attend, apologies given above.

**Police Report**

The Police did not attend.

**Tesco Presentation**

Following refusal by EDC of Tesco's application to build a new store and this  
decision being upheld by the Reporter, representatives of Tesco made a presentation  
to the committee on their slightly revised plans. There were residents in attendance at  
the meeting and the feeling of those present was very strongly against the proposed  
height and size of the store. There was much discussion and it was agreed that  
MERA would write to Tesco with their views. It was also felt that there should be a

public meeting to discuss this and a model provided to enable everyone to grasp the proposed development. Gloria confirmed that there would be various roadshows and that she was in consultation with the Community Council to arrange a public meeting. However, she confirmed there were no plans to produce a model. The committee thanked the Tesco representatives for their time.

### **Park Update**

Jean was delighted to advise that Tarmac had approved our application for funding for the park for new goal posts and associated seating in the sum of £ . Everyone was delighted and very appreciative of the support from Tarmac.

### **Website**

No change. Sarah did advise that it was interesting to note that when people were browsing the website the section which attracted the most interest was the wildlife area. We should still encourage people to visit the blogg area on the site and sign up to receive automatic notifications from the site.

### **Residential Matters**

We were made aware of extremely dangerous road conditions on Garvel Road due to black ice. One resident had caused over £200 worth of damage to their car and another had nearly crashed due to the black ice on the hilly area. Others had witnessed several other near misses. Whilst it was appreciated that EDC cannot undertake to do side roads and grit bins are provided for this, it was felt that this area was particularly hazardous perhaps due to the fact that in winter months no sun ever reaches this spot, making it susceptible to black ice. It was agreed to request gritting and our councillors advised that they had already raised the issue.

It was noted that EDC had done well with regard to getting the fallen trees removed in those areas where they were blocking main roads or pavements in the area. However, during the recent storms and holiday season it was noted that the recycling boxes were extremely dangerous as many were blowing about everywhere and many residents did not seem to know when to put out bins and recycling over the holiday period, even although it was on the council website.

### **AOCB**

We have been contacted by EDC Greenspace to arrange a meeting with us with regard to having input into their Strategy review. A meeting has been arranged for 18 January 2012 at 2.30 p.m. at Jean's.

Milngavie Heritage Centre is having an Extraordinary General Meeting on 18 January 2012 at 7.30 p.m. within the former Court Room at Milngavie Town Hall.

### **Correspondence**

We have received communication from the Forestry Commission with regard to the Mains Estate Long-Term Forest Plan. They originally required our comments by 30 December 2011. However, a meeting has been arranged for 20 January 2012 on site and they have agreed to allow us to respond thereafter..

**Date of Next Meeting**

14 March 2012