

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 16 May 2012 in Douglas Academy at 7.30 p.m.

Present

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

In attendance - Cllrs J Gibbons & E Gotts
Police Officers Heather Dixon & Eric Morrison
Environmental Warden – Michelle Nesbit & partner

Apologies

Mrs F McNeish & Mrs S Longrigg and Cllr Maureen Henry

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present that we shall stick to the agenda items. Congratulations were expressed to our councillors on their re-election.

Environmental Wardens Report

Michelle advised that following on from her report last month the "No butts" campaign had been carried out throughout East Dunbartonshire and that 24 fixed penalty fines had been issued, of which 5 were in Milngavie Town Centre. The Wardens also confirmed that they had passed the concerns regarding bogus callers to Trading Standards on 15 March 2012. They had also arranged for sanitisation of the areas highlighted regarding dog fouling. Again a leaflet drop was carried out along Endrick Gardens, Falloch Road and surrounding areas. They were also in attendance with high viz jackets early in the morning on 11 May. Another longer presence will be made in June when they shall double up with the Cleansing Department. At the Water Works it had been highlighted that there had been problems at Barrachan House and the problems regarding access for the Wardens and police have been overcome. They are trying to prevent deterioration of the property. A point of note regarding licensed premises in that EDC has confirmed that there is no over provision in the area. On patrol the Wardens had noticed that there is a footpath badly overgrown in the area of Castlemains Road (98) leading through to Corbie Place. The Wardens have reported this to Hacking and Paterson and JK advised that he would try to raise it at a meeting he is having with them.

Police Report

The officers were pleased to report that there was no crime reported within Mains Estate. The committee were pleased to hear this. We did take the opportunity to highlight that perhaps attention could be paid to the Core Path at Chestnut Lane, the section at the start of the path from the Douglas Academy Access Road. Mera also advised that new goal posts had been installed in the park and following the success of both the Police and the Wardens keeping an eye when the new play equipment was

installed it was requested that it would be appreciated if they could continue to do so. We did report that some residents still highlighted that youths were gathering and drinking at weekends in the park and this would seem to be confirmed in that residents are clearing up bottles at this time. We also enquired if Inspector O'Neill had been able to carry out a traffic assessment of Stockiemuir Rd following a concern raised by a resident. We also asked if contact had been made with this resident to offer to take him along, however as Insp. O'Neill was on holiday there was no information at the present time.

Minutes of Meeting on 11 January 2012

These were proposed by JH and EA

Matters Arising

RH confirmed that a letter had been sent to First Bus highlighting our concerns at the 119 Service terminating at the bus lay-by at Castlemains Road. However the reply stated that they had risk assessed the area and that we should not have any concern and they also confirmed that buses would not be permitted to have engines ticking over. RH has suggested to our Councillors that First Bus should be made aware of the original bus terminus at Craighton Road and that perhaps First Bus should consider using this again and that this would be a solution enabling them to continue providing a service to the estate, which is used. Stockiemuir Rd was raised with the Police, as stated above. Our Councillors confirmed that Hunter Road should be completed ahead of schedule. Residents of the area will be lettered advising them to avail themselves of the spaces now provided. It is hoped that this should resolve the issues, however, if this is not the case, some form of enforcement can be considered, but may not be necessary. One Mera resident was also successful in getting a school sign positioned correctly before pavement works were completed. We have not heard anything from Mr Bushby regarding Mains Plantation.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the account is £7802.14 of which £1347 is still reserved for the park. Also included in this figure is £3,300 from Tarmac for the kick about area.

Park Update

JH advised that the goalposts have now been installed and a new bench is also in place within the play area. EDC will advise us soon to arrange to transfer funds to them. It is also felt that we should arrange some form of acknowledgement signage.

Website

No change. Still wishing to encourage people to sign up to the blog to receive updates. This is something that we should actively encourage at the AGM and a step by step guide was circulated with the newsletter.

Community Council Update

EA advised that the CC Milngavie Masterplan petition was still ongoing. The CC Chairperson was still looking for more help in obtaining signatures.

Residential Matters

JH confirmed that the newsletter had been circulated. It was also felt that the committee very much appreciated the help that we receive in circulating the newsletter from residents not on the committee. As subscriptions are coming in from residents so are some comments and, as mentioned in the police report above, the park has been highlighted as an area where youths are drinking. Also a resident has suggested that an extension should be made to the Core Path at Chestnut Lane at the section by Stockiemuir Rd. This would involve making a path across the fields to the Baljaffray roundabout, where there is no pavement to walk along. Enquiry was made regarding Tambowie Farm and Cllr Gibbons confirmed that a review had been carried out and that planning permission had now been granted. It is intended that this would enable greater access to the Kilpatrick Hills.

AOCB

None

Correspondence

Letter from Forestry Commission regarding the recent acquisitions in the Kilpatrick Hills at Gavinburn Farm and Acheneden Hill. It was felt that we had no objections.

Date of Next Meeting

6 June 2012 (AGM)

29 August 2012 (TBC)