

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 29 August 2012 within Douglas Academy at 7.30 p.m.

Present

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

In attendance – Cllr Gibbons

Police Officers – Heather Dixon and one other

Apologies

Cllrs E Gotts & Maureen Henry

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report

6 crimes within the area had been recorded. However, the estate had been fairly quiet over the summer and it is assumed that this maybe due to the poor weather over the summer months.

Environmental Wardens Report

Michelle Nisbet had advised that it was the other officers who were on duty but they did not respond to our e-mail even though Michelle did advise that they had forwarded it.

Minutes of Meeting on 16 May 2012

Proposed JH, Seconded EH

Matters Arising

Re the footpath at Castlemains Rd, JK had made enquiries with Hacking and Paterson but they did not think it came under their ownership. JK will make further investigations regarding this.

We had received a report from Scottish Woodland regarding the revised proposals for Mains Plantation at Baljaffray. It is intended now that an outer circle of trees will be left and the majority of trees taken from the middle. It was felt that there was no more we could do at this time. However, note should be made that the status of the land should be monitored in view of Local Development Plan – see below.

Several of the committee had been monitoring the bus terminus and had not observed litter, urinating or buses idling. A 'no idling' sign had been erected last week and litter bins have been provided thanks to Cllr Gibbons. It has

also been noted that the buses are turning alright at the roundabout. Cllr Gibbons advised that he and Cllr Gotts had had a further meeting with First Bus and had endeavoured to find a suitable alternative and had wished for the Baljaffray terminus to be re-instated. However, First Bus are a commercial concern and can only listen to requests and make their own decisions. The old terminus at Craigton Road no longer meets turning criteria.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance in the account is £8577.93 which includes recent subscriptions and £3,300 from Tarmac which is owed to the Council for the goalposts. We also have donations for the park now standing at £1675. EG suggested that we shall need to chase up EDC to settle account and RH advised that we shall require funds for the next stage of the park. (see below) EG also advised that this year we had received 147 completed subscriptions together with donations, as mentioned.

Local Development Plan – pre Main Issues Report Housing Land Supply

RH advised that she had attended the above workshop on 13 August 2012. At this workshop those in attendance were asked to identify areas which they thought were suitable for housing, which would include affordable housing, throughout areas of Milngavie and Bearsden. These areas had already been identified by East Dunbartonshire Council and those at the meeting had to identify the areas from those presented by the Council. This process was done by all those seated at a table had to agree and then they placed a coloured dot on the areas. Red dot was not suitable. Yellow dot was a possibility and Green was a favourable site. The sites highlighted for the MERA area were Craigton Woods, the woodland just off Hunter Road as you head to the roundabout on the right hand side going up hill at the back of the former Steel's farm (currently owned by Mrs Arthur). As you go up Chestnut Lane the field to the righthand side, bordering Dalnair PI & Dumbrock Road and a section to the left. Also Langfaulds fields at Baljaffray. This is on the left opposite Windyhills and includes an area of Roman Fort remains. All these sites owned by Mrs Arthur. Although not directly covered by the Association Tambowie Farm and Clober Golf Course were also identified. It was felt we should letter residents whose properties border these areas and in addition perhaps write a general information letter to the Milngavie and Bearsden Herald to alert those in the area in general as many use the Core Path which runs up Chestnut Lane and through one of the areas.

Park Update

RH advised that they had met with Jackie Gillespie again and had walked round the park with the masterplan. Jackie had advised that she has been given funds to spend on the park. RH clarified with her that these were not funds representing planning gain but she confirmed they were not and were just additional funds from EDC. Following the visit and looking at the masterplan Jackie was going to price works for a circular path over the

wetland area. She was also going to price carved benches and picnic benches similar to those shown on her presentation at the AGM. We were also advised that there are funds to be applied for under EDC's Civic Pride Scheme. The maximum you can get is £2000 from this fund and it was agreed that we would apply for an entrance stone giving details of the funding for the park and some dos and don'ts for the park. RH agreed to submit a funding application for this.

Website Update

SL advised that there had been a slight increase in activity after the AGM, but after that it was low again. We really need to encourage people to sign up to the site. However, it was agreed to put this as an agenda item and to investigate if perhaps RH could access the site to log e-mails addresses that EG had been given with subs and perhaps look at e-mailing from the site.

Community Council Update

EA had not been at the last meeting and had nothing to report. RH mentioned that the CC recently had publicity regarding the masterplan for Milngavie which Cllr Gibbons did confirm had been presented to EDC. The committee did feel this would be important particularly with regard to the proposed housing as the road network cannot cope. Together with proposals to reduce the primary school estate it seemed short sighted to do so if 1000 properties are to be built.

Residential Matters

We have received a comment regarding crumbling walls bordering properties in Falloch Road. However as the properties are not factored we have no powers of enforcement. However, together with untidy gardens it had been brought to our attention and thought would be given to mentioning this when our annual newsletter goes out next year.

We had, on the whole, received positive feedback on the wildflower planting at the Hunter Road roundabout and verges on Craighdu Road. Also several positive letters had been sent into the local paper too.

AOCB

It had been noted in the past that the public toilets were valued within the precinct. They had been put up for sale and it is understood that someone has applied for them to be used as a bunkhouse with toilet and washing facilities. An article which appeared recently in the Glasgow Herald was also shown stating that the WHW is rated 19th in the whole world as a 'must see or do' walk. Our elected members should take note and help to promote this world renowned tourist attraction.

Communication was also received regarding signage Tesco had applied for. This had been circulated prior to the meeting some members unsure of what was involved. Agreed to look at it again and communicate by e-mail.

Correspondence

Invitation to attend consultation on EDC primary school estate. JH & RH agreed to go to this on 10 September 2012.
EDC Voluntary Action Scheme Letter

Date of Next Meeting

24th October 2012
12th December 2012