

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Held on Wednesday 12 December 2012 within 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 S Longrigg
In attendance – Inspector Gavin Smith from Strathclyde Police

Apologies

Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Gotts and Mr Timoney, EDC Environmental Warden

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report

Insp. Smith gave us a summary of incidents in the area for the current year, of which we are ¾ of the way through. Bogus crime had been prevalent which is a hazard of living in this area. However, due to Police action this type of crime was down along with shoplifting and an individual had recently been caught in connection with theft from lockers at sports centres. There has currently been action on stopping vehicles which has been a joint operation with VOSA and this has also been very successful. There are still incidents involving drugs, however is lower than some other areas. However, due to the perception of this being an affluent area, it will always be a target for drug sales and associated affects. There has also been recent incidents of lead thefts from roofs, one being a local Church and we should be aware of the increase in this type of crime. Insp. Smith also advised that by going onto the Strathclyde Police website and selecting "about us" section, crime statistics for the Milngavie area can be seen. JK thanked Insp Smith for his input.

Environmental Wardens Report

Apologies were given by e-mail and it is hoped that next year some strategy can be worked out to improve dog fouling in the area.

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Proposed – EG Seconded - JH

Matters Arising

JK advised that he had managed to find out that JB & G Forsyth were the factors for the area with the overgrown hedge. The contact is a Mr Stanley Hutchison, he agreed to endeavour to contact this firm to ascertain if something can be done. RH also advised that she understood that Jamie Elder of Hacking and Paterson was no longer the individual in charge of Mains Estate factoring and JK said he would endeavour to obtain a revised contact. Cllr Gotts had also passed on that following

the recent EDC meeting on Monday evening, regarding the next stage of the primary school estate process, that a wider consultation would be sent out to parents. Proposals submitted would be to consider building a new primary school on the football pitch at Clober, allowing the school to remain open, then when the new school was complete, this would combine with Milngavie Primary. The other proposal would be to build a new Catholic primary at Bearsden and combine St Joseph's and St Andrew's. Residents can also make comment on the EDC website. JH also advised that she had only recently e-mailed Billy Kerr to ascertain when funds would be required.

Treasurer's Report

Balance £8581.78. The EDC funds from the Civic Pride application should be credited shortly.

Park Update

Works for the pathworks should commence early in January, weather permitting. This is being managed by Jackie Gillespie. A stone will be placed at the entrance to the park from Falloch Road. Carved benches will also be placed in the park in due course.

Website Update

It was felt that we shall really need to push to get residents to use the website through our newsletter and AGM

Community Council Update

As circulated previously MERA were asked to provide a representative for the MCC. As Eleanor Adie had resigned Rona agreed to return to the CC, however it was hoped that we could share this role with other MERA members. However, further clarification would need to be sought from the CC. MCC had forwarded comments to EDC in regard to the Waitrose application.

Residential Matters

Several trees had been marked in red for chopping down by Hacking and Paterson. However Mr Findlay, EDC tree officer, stated that proper procedures had not been followed regarding this and was looking into this. This highlighted that Jamie Elder was no longer in charge of this area for Hacking and Paterson.

AOCB

EG advised that there had been several incidents (at least 6) during the further bad weather on the hill at Garvel Road and Garvel Place. As this is a route to school and children walk on the road etc it is felt it is only a matter of time when an accident could happen involving youngsters This was highlighted to EDC during the last spell and it was felt that the matter should be raised again, either by petition or publicity.

Correspondence

An e-mail had been received regarding vandalism to paths and bridge within Mains Plantation. It was suggested to the writer of the letter that this should be taken up with Bearsden CC and Residents' Assoc.

Date of Next Meeting

27 February 2013

24 April 2013

22 May 2013