

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Held on Wednesday 27 February 2013 within Douglas Academy at 7.30 p.m.

### **Present**

Committee – Mr J Kerr, Mrs E Gibson, Mrs R Hooper, Mrs F McNeish & Mrs S Longrigg. In attendance – Environmental Warden Michelle Archibald and Police Constables Brown & Peacock from Milngavie Police Team

### **Apologies**

J Horn & Cllr Hendry

### **Chairperson's Opening Remarks**

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Police Report**

A brief summary of any occurrences were given for the period since our last meeting. The meeting was reminded to report any suspicious vans and/or bogus workmen. The police team are continuing to stop vehicles in the area and residents can phone in with particulars from number plates if they see anything suspicious. The police team are aware of the recent incident in Garvel Road, Castlemains Road area where several vehicles were damaged at one time. It was mentioned that large quantities of bottles were being found behind properties backing onto the Core Path but it was not known whether it is a hotspot for drinkers or whether they are actually from nearby properties. The committee requested that an eye be kept on the park now that better weather could be approaching. Furthermore, it was pointed out that a new footpath had been created and that two carved log benches would be put in place soon and perhaps an eye could be kept on the area to help these enhancements.

### **Environmental Wardens Report**

A dog fouling campaign started on Monday 26 February 2013 for two weeks which includes this area. To date no fines had been issued, however requests for further bins, where required, are made and sanitisation of any areas are requested. There had been reports to EDC of increased litter due to taxis being parked at the entrance to Chestnut Lane. However, the drivers have now been made aware of bins in the area and indeed have stated they are using them. The committee advised that a new path had been created in the park by EDC to give a circular flat walking route for adults and for children perhaps on scooters and bikes. In addition two carved log seats will be put in and we asked that an eye be kept on them.

## **Minutes of Meeting on 12 December 2012**

Proposed – FM Seconded - SL

### **Matters Arising**

Following on from our last meeting JK had managed to ascertain that the replacement contact at Hacking & Paterson was an Alasdair Gorman, who has taken over the role from Jamie Elder, although it is understood that Mr Elder is still with the Firm. As stated in the minutes of the last meeting the trees around the Core Path have been looked at by EDC tree officer, in the area at the back of Douglasmuir Place just after the style, and there is no reason to have them removed. It has also been raised with MERA that very recently a further large tree has been taken down at the back of Dunellan Road in the area where a resident there took trees down a couple of years ago. MERA have been advised that Mr Findlay EDC tree officer has also looked at this and is investigating. It was also noted that Hacking & Paterson at the time requested that the individual replant the same species of trees and this had not been done. Hedging trees had been planted and H & P at the time requested they should be removed. It had also been raised with MERA that trees had been drastically cut back at Falloch Road with the junction at Catter/Carnock Garden Service Roads. Again this had been done by a resident and it is understood that EDC have written advising that should the trees die and not recover this summer then the resident will be required to replace them. The committee decided MERA should write to EDC regarding concern at this trend.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance £9596.78. This still includes funds owing to EDC and cheques still to be cashed for the stone and carved log seat.

### **Park Update**

The stone sign has now been put in place and works on a circular path should be completed this week. Jackie Gillespie of EDC has consulted with the schoolchildren and drawings are being submitted to choose a design for the carved log seats. The committee had no strong preference other than perhaps reflecting the local wildlife such as deer, owls, birds etc.

### **Website Update**

No real change since the last meeting. However, as the newsletter shall be produced provision should be made on the usual tear off slip to provide an e-mail and give consent that residents may be contacted regarding this.

## **Community Council Update**

RH was happy to report that the CC has several new members on it's committee. The CC had responded to the recent school consultation suggesting that whatever options re mergers were considered that there should be primary school facilities at either side of Milngavie (east & west). It had also been mentioned in the response by CC as to why there was no consideration of Clober and Craigdhu Schools being merged. Subsequently there has been a strong reaction from the parents at Craigdhu. However, the Parent Council have been invited to the next CC meeting. The CC is involved with many other issues currently and anything concerning MERA is circulated by e-mail inbetween meetings.

## **Residential Matters**

Jackie Gillespie of EDC had asked if MERA had any strong ideas as to what style of log seat we wanted for the park as we are funding one. It was felt that as long as we stayed with the local wildlife theme deer, owls etc that we had no strong preference.

## **AOCB**

None other than the trees mentioned above under matters arising and this has been covered there.

## **Correspondence**

Correspondence was received from the Forestry Commission regarding an application to plant a woodland by Mr Graham of Tambowie Farm to include a path. The committee could not see any disadvantage to this and agreed to contact the Forestry Commission for further clarification.

MERA were invited to visit the Heritage Centre during Heritage Week.

An invitation was received to consult with EDC on an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund through which it is hoped to create several Heritage Trails throughout EDC. We have been asked to attend Westerton Town Hall regarding ideas for this on 2 May 2013 time TBA. It is understood that suggestions can take many forms to include mobile phone apps etc. The committee agreed to give this some thought and come up with ideas, some suggestions were a River Allander Trail, Mains Estate History, Bennie Railplane, Wildlife Trail etc.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

24 April 2013

22 May 2013 (AGM)