

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Mains Estate Residents' Association
Held on Wednesday, 22nd May 2013 at 19.30 in Clober Primary School, Milngavie**

Present

E. Gibson, J Gibbons (Councillor), R. Hooper, J. Horn, S. Longrigg, F. McNeish
Residents as per signing-in sheet
Community Police officers

Apologies

M. Archibald, E. Gotts (Councillor), M. Hendry (Councillor), J Kerr
Environmental Wardens

Chairperson's Welcome, Opening Remarks and Summary of Year's Events

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained that she (Rona Hooper) was deputising for Jim Kerr as he was unable to be present. She thanked the Association's committee members, local councillors, council officers, the police and others for their support throughout the year.

The Chairperson provided a brief summary of the year's events including reference to the Association's involvement in on-going discussions about developments relating to Tesco in Milngavie, consultations about the future provision of primary schools in Milngavie, possible sites for affordable housing developments in Milngavie; reference was made to the association's continued involvement in Milngavie Community Council and the Community Grants Committee.

Updates from the Police and Environmental Wardens

It was reported that crime in the area remained relatively low. There had been 12 reports of criminality over the course of the year; 6 people had been charged with offences. In addition, there had been 4 reports of vandalism; none of these reports had led to anyone being charged with an offence.

It was noted that the police are happy to respond to reports of incidents taking place in Craigton Woods.

It was noted that the police held consultation events in local communities in order to receive information about community concerns and to discuss how these might best be addressed. It was suggested that these events should be publicised more effectively to improve attendance at them.

It was noted that the 101 number for reporting non-emergency incidents was now available; this number had been put in place to relieve pressure on the 999 number which was in danger of being over-whelmed. It was suggested that the existence of the 101 number and what it can be used for should be advertised more effectively. It was noted that people's experience of using the 101 number had not always been positive; in some cases it had been quite negative.

Residents' continuing concerns included traffic issues, under-age drinking (particularly in Craigton Woods). Residents were advised to continue to report their concerns; the police want to know about them.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th June, 2012 at 19.30 in Clober Primary School

The minutes were read and approved. They were proposed by J. Hooper and seconded by J. Goodall.

Matters Arising

Continuing concerns were expressed about traffic management issues at the junction of Hunter Road and Castlemains Road. While the work which had been carried out in 2012 had been welcomed, it was clear that problems caused by cars parked at the junction remained. A number of possible solutions were discussed including double yellow lines, further work on the provision of parking bays, the introduction of speed control measures on Hunter Road and the introduction of a Puffin crossing. None of these possible solutions lacked merit but they all had drawbacks too. It was agreed that the Council should re-examine and re-assess the problem with a view to its finding a solution (or solutions) acceptable to all with an interest in the junction, including the residents of Hunter Road.

Concerns were expressed about the danger created by parking on Falloch Road.

Treasurer's Report

The report was accepted as a wholly accurate statement of the Association's financial position. It was noted that a sum of just over £2,000 was available to support further improvements to the park.

Website Update

Sarah Longrigg gave an update on the Association's website. Areas of the website which were proving to be popular included bus and train timetables, the nature page and pages giving information and various Council development plans.

Park Update

A number of further improvements to the park had been undertaken over the year including the installation of one carved bench, with another to come, the completion of the additional path. The construction of the path used the techniques which have favour currently; the surface will settle over time and become smoother with use. It is hoped that the Council may be able to provide funds in the future to support the installation of more pathways in the park.

It was noted that some work still needs to be done on drainage in the park; this is being looked into currently as is the possible provision of more bushes round the play area and round the edges of the new path and the possibility of wildflower planting.

The need for continued vigilance in relation to Craigton Woods was noted. The woods support a wide range of wildlife; its trees are amongst the oldest in East Dunbartonshire.

AOCB

Issues relating to current consultations on the future of St Joseph's Primary School and its possible merger with St Andrew's Primary School were discussed. A statement was made on behalf of St Joseph's Primary School setting out arguments against merger, possible futures not involving merger and encouraging local people to support St Joseph's remaining in Milngavie

Concerns were expressed that there was now no baby clinic in Milngavie.

Concerns were expressed about the condition of footpaths in the estate; e.g. flooding, accumulations of leaves, weeds, absence of gritting when pavements are icy, empty grit bins, failure to repair damage to steps and pathways caused by Council workmen. There was some discussion of these concerns; it was agreed that the Association should continue to lobby the Council for it to take appropriate action consistent with its formal responsibilities but that residents also needed to take personal responsibility where appropriate in addressing such issues.

Election of Committee

All existing members of the committee were re-elected. Three new members were elected to the committee; L. Robertson, R. Manderville and H. McFadyen.

Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from the Forestry Commission consulting on proposals for the development of affordable housing on a number of sites currently in the greenbelt around the estate. A reply had been sent expressing concerns about encroachment into the greenbelt.

Correspondence had been received regarding parking in the turning circle at the end of Endrick Gardens. Possible solutions were being looked into so that advice on possible action could be given to the correspondent.

Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed