

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 8 October 2014 within Douglas Academy Room F118 at
7 p.m.

Present

Committee – Mr J Kerr, Mrs E Gibson, Ms J Horn, Mrs R Hooper, Mr Les Robertson & Mrs F McNeish

In attendance – Community Wardens Sharon Thomson & Phyllis Henderson and Councilor Gibbons.

Apologies

Cllrs Gotts & Henry, Mr B Mandeville & Mrs H McFadyen

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report

No Police Officer attended. It was decided that we would write to the Police to find out who would be attending our meetings as RH advised that P C Kerrigan has been moved to Kirkintilloch. A parking issue had been carried forward from our last meeting and a further one had also arisen.

Community Wardens' Report

ST advised that they were now fully staffed with 8 Wardens and two had been concentrating on parking at Bearsden today. Whilst the Wardens role is very varied approx. 50% of any shift can be taken up with parking enforcement. The shift patterns are 7.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m., 3 p.m. – 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. – 4 a.m. The night shift personnel will be available for noise enforcement and anti-social behaviour issues. Any of these issues can be reported on 0300 1234510. The Wardens can be in plain clothes when dealing with the aforementioned night time enforcements. The night shift cover for noise and anti-social behaviour is for the entire EDC area. MERA commented that it was felt that just making a presence in the area helps with the dog fouling issues.

Minutes of Meeting on 27 August 2014

Proposed by JK and seconded by JH

Matters Arising

It was asked whether the Ramblers had managed to carry out their path maintenance day on 27 September. However JH advised that this had been

postponed until 30 October 2014 when the children would be going out with the Ramblers to put up their signposts they had designed.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is £4960.92.

Craigton Woods

An interim meeting was held with several residents, JK, JH & RH and a draft response to the planning application was circulated to the committee. RH advised that the case officer does not anticipate that this will come before the planning board until 16 December 2014, this was also similar to the results of JK's investigations. RH advised that the CC had submitted a formal objection to the Cala planning application together with Milngavie in Bloom. MERA were appreciative of this support. RH also advised that many residents had submitted copies of their objection to EDC to her via the "Secretary" address at the website. RH also advised that upon her return from a short break she managed to catch the ecologist who was surveying Craigton Woods for us and that she would be monitoring for signs of bat activity and looking at the wood was sure there would be more than just the pipistrelle bat. The committee worked through the draft response and agreed the final response to be sent to EDC. JK agreed to hand deliver this to EDC together with our Plant list and a copy of the letter from The Woodland Trust.

Website/Facebook Update

RH confirmed that all the correspondence in the past couple of months had related to Craigton Woods apart from a few e-mails regarding Mactaggart Mickel but it is understood that representatives from planning were to visit the MacMic site to address the concerns. LR advised that there is still good interest on Facebook and he is continuing to monitor what type of things are popular. RH continues to circulate items of interest to LR and our webmaster to put onto both sites. LR confirmed that anything he sees he puts onto Facebook that might be of interest.

Community Council Update

As stated previously the CC submitted a formal objection to the Cala application. They also intend to submit an objection to the Craigton Works site with recommendations. Southern General presentation at the Community Council last month was very informative. RH advised that as from November there will be a new Chairperson.

Residential Matters

RH advised that she would be writing to EDC to request the start of the clearance of leaves and associated winter requirements gritting etc.

AOCB

It was discussed to produce a newsletter before Christmas and if time allows we will endeavour to do this.

Correspondence

None other than numerous e-mails on Craigton Woods all against the proposed development and none of support.

Date of Next Meeting

26 November 2014 (starting at 7 p.m.)