

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 11 February 2015 within Douglas Academy Room F102
at 7 p.m.

Present

Committee – Mr J Kerr (JK), Mrs E Gibson(EG), Ms J Horn(JH), Mrs R Hooper (RH), Mr L Robertson (LR) & Mrs H McFadyen (HM)
In attendance – Community Wardens Sharon Thomson & Phyllis and Councilors Henry & Gotts.

Apologies

Cllr Gibbons, Mr B Mandeville & Mrs F McNeish

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Police Report

No Police Officer attended. This is the fourth meeting without police representation which covers a period of 8 months. There was an issue with Falloch Road and Mains Park so will e-mail this to the Police.

Community Wardens' Report

ST advised that there had been an early morning and late night initiative carried out at Mains Estate with regard to dog fouling. Whilst no fines were issued 20 dog walkers were engaged with. Additional sanitisation was carried out in several streets. EDC are also awaiting receipt of an order for waste bins and replacements will be made available when this order arrives. Reports had been made regarding parking at Clober Primary and a resident who could not get out their driveway due to parents parking inconsiderately. The Wardens can pass such incidents onto the Police who are the ones who have power to enforce and have duty of care where the Wardens cannot enforce. It was highlighted to the Wardens that the pedestrian entrance to Douglas Academy from Douglasmuir Drive had experienced similar problems, particularly with the recent bad weather. The Wardens advised that most schools seem to have parking problems in surrounding streets.

Minutes of Meeting on 26 November 2014

Proposed by JH and seconded by EG.

Matters Arising

Hacking & Paterson are currently in the process of having improvements to the Core Path carried out. The workmen have been working on this path this

week. The committee were aware that the public toilets have now closed in Milngavie Town Centre and that the only facility is now one toilet within the Tourist Information Centre. Cllrs Gotts & Henry advised that they felt they had worked hard to establish this toilet within the Tourist Information Centre which will be open on a Sunday and should the current operator withdraw EDC would undertake to keep the facility open. EDC will be responsible for maintenance. RH advised that she had walked with Nikki Mather of EDC to have a regular route established for clearance of leaves and gritting. The gritting seemed to have been carried out. Next year will determine if the leaves get done. Cllr Gotts was asked if the Janitor's House had come before the planning committee and advised that it had, last week. Permission has been granted subject to the condition that the access to the area from Ardlui Gardens Service Road is closed and ground reinstated. There will be a further financial contribution from MackMick towards the park. It was asked what would be happening to the funds from the entire development as it was suggested that perhaps the residents in Ardlui would like to see the old school chain fence replaced as MackMick only intend to carry out repairs to the damage they caused. Cllrs agreed to investigate this as MERA would like to be consulted as to how the planning gain funds should be spent. RH agreed to contact residents to gauge their wishes. TPOs to be put on the remainder of the woodland at the back of Dunellan Road. This means the entire woodland surrounding the Core Path is protected and unauthorised removal of trees will result in fines and possible prosecutions.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is £4371.86 with 122 subs paid.

Craigton Woods

Cllr Gotts was asked when it was anticipated that this would come before the planning committee. It will be March at the earliest as Cala have asked for more time to submit further documents. The EDC meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2015.

Local Development Plan

JH attended the EDC presentation on how EDC intend to consult on this document. The consultation period will be from 1 April till end of May 2015. Any further comments or submissions will be restricted to no more than 2000 words. The notes provided by Jean were circulated to everyone and she was thanked for attending this workshop with her husband on behalf of the Association. It is understood that Hunter Road will no longer be considered for removal from the greenbelt and as a result development. This will be reflected in the draft plan when it is published. It had been noted that Douglasmuir Quarry had a PEDL which is a Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence and it is understood that this can include Fracking. It was felt that we should make further enquiries into this and make representation on this to the LDP. It was also felt that perhaps an expert should be invited to our AGM to give a presentation on this to residents.

Website/Facebook Update

LR advised that there was approx. 100 followers on Facebook. We could perhaps put out suggestions for how the planning gain funds could be spent via this source.

Community Council Update

RH advised that the MCC sub group Making the Most of Mingavie would be posting a questionnaire to every household in Milngavie seeking their views.

Residential Matters

RH had been advised by a member of the CC that a residents group had been formed for the Douglas Muir Area. However on speaking to residents in the area this is not the case. It would appear that a few residents had been lobbying H & P regarding the Core Path. This had been raised at our AGM last year with Mr Gorman but as he had left H & P works had been delayed. However, it would appear that pressure from the residents has resulted in the start of the promised works. The MCC member was going to extend an invitation to the residents of the woodland group to contact MERA and become more involved but to date no contact has been made.

AOCB

The text of the newsletter was discussed and it was agreed that we would circulate the final draft and LR would add the photographs and produce a final draft for our next meeting. This would then need to be sent to the printer and passed to JH for distribution. It was also thought that wine and cheese/nibbles could be provided.

Correspondence

We received an e-mail from a Dunellan Road resident who did not wish replacement trees planted near his property. RH advised that the trees were to replace those that had been taken down without permission and that H & P would be dealing with the location.

HM advised that she had been contacted by a resident of Falloch Road who lives opposite the park. Last Friday, 6 February 2015 they had their car vandalised. They reported the damage to the Police, but to date the Police had still not been to visit them. This resident has also noticed drunken behaviour within the park and has reported this to the police. However it is felt that the Police need to take preventative action. Installation of CCTV was also suggested. MERA would write to the police regarding this incident and to ask for regular patrols.

Date of Next Meeting

15 April 2015

AGM – 10 June 2015 EG to confirm booking and whether we can do wine etc.