

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Held on Wednesday 22 APRIL 2009 in Clober Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Mr I Petrie, Mrs E Gibson, Mrs R Hooper, Mr N Weir, Ms J Horn, Mrs S Longrigg,
Mrs G Ross, Mr J Cullen & Cllr E Gotts.

Apologies

Mr J Warren & Mr J Kerr

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Ian Petrie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Meeting on 11 March 2009

These were proposed by Jean Horn and seconded by Neil Weir

Matters Arising

Cllr Gotts had taken up the issues raised by us previously re dog fouling, litter, leaves, gritting etc and Jim Neill of the Community Safety Dept. at EDC had confirmed that the Community Wardens would be visiting the area, outwith 9-5 Mon-Fri and fines would be issued. Residents should be encouraged to report repeat offenders and can do so anonymously. Mr Black Headteacher at Douglas Academy had been e-mailed and as no response was received Rona contacted him by telephone. Mr Black advised that he is supportive and regularly encourages the children not to drop litter. He is aware of the excessive litter at the main school entrance and continues to tackle this. He would like a litter bin placed at the school gates or nearby. Cathy the litter/dog warden is now purely an educational officer and does not patrol. This task now seems to be the responsibility of the Community Wardens.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance of the account is £1, 1762.09

Park Update

Neil arranged a meeting with Councillor Amanda Stewart and Mark Grant of EDC Sports and Recreational Dept at the Mains Park and Rona managed to attend this too. We took the opportunity to highlight the poor state of the park and the poor condition of the football kick-about area. As a result Councillor Stewart has arranged with Billy Kerr of EDC Greenspace Section to temporarily relocate the goalposts to allow the reinstatement of the football/kick-about area. Work will hopefully be carried out Spring/early Summer. If this area can be left to recover once the works are carried

out for approx. 1 year then it should be a much improved area. It is also hoped that a path leading to the area can be created and Cllr Stewart is looking into this. Cllr Stewart is also hopeful that we can recycle the benches being removed from Milngavie Town Centre and is again looking into this for us. If we are successful in obtaining some new seating then it is hoped that members of the community could undertake to re-paint them. Indeed, with this in mind Cllr Stewart advised that children from Douglas Academy and Boclair Academy recently undertook similar work in Torrance and this was featured in the Milngavie & Bearsden Herald recently, so they could become involved again. With regard to the footpath which runs down the side of the park linking Falloch Road to Hunter Road at the school crossing patrol. Rona had requested that this path be given a name. The reasoning behind this request is that with regard to points mentioned earlier re litter, gritting, clearance of leaves, reporting crime etc there seems to be great difficulty in identifying this area. It is also understood that the Police require a street name to enter into their computer systems. Cllr Stewart is therefore in discussions regarding this and is following up the suggestion that Clober Primary Schoolchildren could be involved in a competition to name the path.

AGM

The AGM will be held on the 10 June 2009 and the dining hall is booked at Clober Primary School. There will not be a wine and cheese or similar provision. A vote was taken which was in favour of keeping the subscription at £5 and asking for a £5 donation (or any donation) to our fundraising for the park. This proposal is being tried since support for the ceilidh was poor. It was felt that the website should be launched right away and Sarah has this matter in hand. The cost will be £14.99 (host) and £2.99 (domain name). Ian will arrange for the newsletter to be printed and circulated to committee members for distribution. It was felt that the wording should be amended slightly to reflect the disappointment at the support for the Assoc. and the fact that two members are resigning this year, we really need more members from the community.

AOCB

John C updated the committee on the Kilmardinny result. Every member is extremely disappointed with this result. Cllr Gotts advised that there will still be discussions with the developer to fine tune the result. However, our concerns over the Rail Halt and associated parking (being too little), the sports centre, school places and the sheer volume of traffic generated by such a development still remain in force.

The issue of road safety at Craigdhu Road linking with the roundabout at Hunter Road was also raised. It was felt that railings should be placed there to guide pedestrians to use the pelican crossing at the top of Prestonfield. However, it was noted that to cross at the crossing then involved crossing back over Hunter Road as there is still no pavement there. We have raised our concerns with Cllr Gotts regarding this and we have also taken into consideration the fact that there is housing proposed in the field between Craigdhu Road and Prestonfield with the possibility of a road opening onto the roundabout. However, at the end of the school day there are a considerable number of children crossing at this roundabout.

It was also noted that there has been a den created at the woodland walk at Hunter Road and we should monitor this area. It may well be children just being creative.

Correspondence 

None

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 June 2009 in Clober Primary School, Kirk Street, Milngavie (AGM)

Points for note

Newsletter will be circulated for distribution once Ian has managed to have it printed.
Sarah will work on the new website with a view to launching as soon as it is ready.
Jean will get copies of last year's AGM Minutes.