

The Gateside and District Community Association
Minutes for 10th November 2011

1. Present: Bobby Thompson, , Jane Macnaughton, Susan Jack, , Kate Fernando, , Frankie Carslake, , Donald Lothian, Valerie Weir, Alan Wright, Michael Williams, Hannah Phillips, Kirsty McLellan David Cowling, Grace Cronie
2. Apologies: Emma Morgan, , Maureen Andrews, Sue Whisler, Teri Gillan
3. Minutes –proposed by A Wright, seconded by H Phillips- adopted
4. Remembrance Service

David Cowling conducted a short Service of Remembrance and held a minute silence, followed by a wreath laying by Donald Lothian at the War Memorial in the Hall. Thanks to David from the Community Association for officiating at the Service.

5. Community matters:

Action points

- a. Kerb stones at start of village (Milnathort end) are now fixed. Station Rd sign damaged in accident should be replaced by Council who will claim from insurance from car accident.
- b. D Lothian advised that as the bin for dog mess bags has been removed from Bower Park, dog walkers should place the dog poo bags in the normal bin. Advise community through newsletter. **JMC**
- c. M Williams asked if the Leaden Urquhart road was still Council responsibility as there is no grit bin, D Lothian advised that it was. M Williams advised grit bin at Balcanqual is broken and has not been replaced, D Lothian to check. Additional grit bin was requested for the Old Town and is still awaited. K Fernando asked if Station Rd grit bin is on the re-fill list. **DL**
- d. The planning application for the proposed Caravan Site has not yet come to Committee.
- e. B Thompson advised of report that security light from school is shining into houses in Bower Park and causing a nuisance. Check situation with school **SMJ**
- f. Recycling bins have been overflowing, would it be possible to have more green and clear glass bins? **D Lothian** to check.

5. Report from refurbishment sub committee

Current projects include:

- a. Repairing gutters and roof flashings to start asap **SMJ**
- b. New lighting is now fitted, all lights are dimmable. Instruction sheet required. **AW/SMJ/JMC**
- c. New stage curtains and window curtains now fitted. No reply as yet from Coop grant application.
- d. Insurance company has agreed to pay for repair to plaster and re-painting following water damage. Money is received and, once gutters are repaired, work will commence.

6. Events committee report

- a.. Xmas Fair date 3.12.11, school will perform and all stalls are filled. **Volunteers and baking needed**, please contact Teri or committee.
- b.. Fundraising night out at Kerachers Fish restaurant was very successful and enjoyable night. Almost £600 was raised. Thanks to Hannah for organising this.
- c. 50 calendars of Gateside scenes will be on sale soon. **JMC** presented copy. £8.50 sale price.
- d. Successful Halloween party with 35 children. Thanks to Kate Fernando, Maureen Andrews and the parents for running it.

7 Treasurers report

Unavailable as Emma is unwell

8 AOB

a. Floral Grant- S Jack asked for help with plans for the Floral grant. This must be submitted by end of November **SMJ**. Helen Leslie was suggested as a possible gardener who might help, **SMJ** to ask. Agreed to apply to re-seed lawn; plant rose cover along car park and bedding plants for pots changed twice in the year. Work still to complete include cherry trees at each end of village and a planter at road to Mill. Agreed to have a Community Gardening Day in March to include: Planters; walk along stream by railway; possibly school garden. Falkland in Bloom might be able to help with volunteers for digging. We could get trees from the Jubilee Trust, but fairly large pack, and not sure where we could plant them all – need to investigate further **JMC**. **H P** to ask Rangers for help with tools/ volunteers for the railway walk tidy up. **MA** to speak to School Council about parent help with school garden. **MW** agreed to help with ordering plants and planning work, date to be agreed at January meeting.

- b. Radiator at hatch is loose and needs repair **AW**
- c Application for a shop at the Mill has been made to the Council, transportation are Ok with this.
- d. The Speedwatch scheme is being rolled out after a trial. 2 people have volunteered so far in Gateside. Agreed to ask PC Cameron to another meeting to speak about scheme. **SMJ**
- e.V Weir and B Thompson attended Police Community Meeting and advised Police of problems in village including speeding in the Bower as well as main road, nuisance created by youngsters throwing things at doors, leaving pebbles on doorsteps- Police to keep an eye on it. Also asked for feedback on unknown man reported at last meeting who watched children in village, Police refused to give any feedback despite Valerie expressing concern over this incident.

**Next meeting 8th December 2011 7pm, followed by AGM at 7.30pm.
Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served after the AGM.**