

The Gateside and District Community Association
Minutes for 12th January 2012

1. Present: Jane Macnaughton, Susan Jack, Kate Fernando, Frankie Carslake, Hannah Phillips, Grace Cronie, Sue Whisler, Teri Gillan, Maureen Andrews, Norma Robertson, Bobby Thompson, Alan Wright
2. Apologies: Emma Morgan, Alan Stewart, Michael Williams
3. Minutes –proposed by K Fernando, seconded by S Whisler- adopted
4. Community matters: **Action points**
 - a. Report that security light from school is shining into houses in Bower Park and causing a nuisance. Orange light has not resolved situation, B Thompson to liaise with M Andrews to hopefully find a solution. **BT/ MA**
 - b. Recycling bins are now empty again.
 - c. The gate into the park at the end of the village is broken. Advise Ian Barbour of Fife Council to repair. M Andrews has already emailed Fife Council regarding this. **SMJ**
 - d. Items to be advised to Councillor Lothian:
 - Perth road is breaking up on the edges again due to heavy traffic – left hand side going out.
 - Pot holes on Station Rd in several places, especially around Nether Urquhart
 - Potholes on Dryside especially near Drumdreel
 - Road sign (re entry to 30m zone) at entrance to village has been hit (Milnathort end)
 - Station Rd sign has not been repaired, neither has wall. Will Council repair?

5. Report from refurbishment sub committee

Current projects include:

- a. Repairing gutters and roof flashings has started, but completion of job required **SMJ**
- b. Stage spotlights provided by Ruwan Fernando are much appreciated and will remain in place for the moment.
- c. Plan to fit insulation between stage wall and cellar to prevent cold air condensing on stage frill and creating damp. A Wright to buy rolls of quilted foil backed insulation for job and arrange fitting. Discussed insulating under floor in main Hall but working conditions under floor may make this difficult. **AW**
- d. Render on outside will need replaced. New quotes for work are required. Can apply for a Capital Grant (60%) from Fife Council. **AW**
- e. Kate Fernando suggested additional kitchen equipment should be purchased: large pots; large rectangular trays; 2 handed tea pot; replace thermos flask. Can look for funding or use Hall funds. **JMC/SMJ/SW/AW**
- f. Norma Robertson suggested that the Hall would benefit from some photos of village scenes and events, also possibly the stained glass window photographs of the Memorial Church windows. Also discussed idea of holding an exhibition of old photographs of the village and surrounds. Norma to speak to Davie Robertson who may have photos, Also S Jack will contact George Gall who organised a previous exhibition. Mike Pettigrew may also have some old photos. **NR/ SMJ/ JMC**
- g. New notice boards are planned to replace old one at the Park and one for the Hall (outside wall). In addition a sign will go up about the car park. S Whisler will check quotes we have and we will possibly fund from a 2 for 1 grant from Fife Council £800 **SW**

6. Lease of Car Park

We have received a proposed lease for the new car park and the old car park which is all land which Alan Stewart has kindly allowed us to use for the Hall. The lease includes a reinstatement clause which would be very difficult for us to meet. Norma offered to talk to Alan Stewart and ask him to ring Jane or Susan about this as it is possibly just a standard clause inserted by the lawyers. **NR**

7. Gardening day

The proposed date for this is 28th April 2012. We plan to tackle the following activities:

- New compost and plants in pots at Hall
- A new pot at the top of the road down to the Mill
- Plant roses along the fence line of the car park
- Plant clematis around oil tank/ plant wildlife shrubs in corner beside church
- Re-seed grass at front of Hall

- Tidy up the school garden
- Cut back walk along stream to Mill
- Plant cherry trees at each end of village (if not already done)

We will need lots of volunteers to achieve everything. Refreshments will be provided in the Hall and it could be a sort of drop in event where people can come along for a certain task or a certain amount of time. Maureen/ Marcus to talk to Parent Council; Hannah to ask if Rangers could support the stream walk clearance. Any other ideas for helpers gratefully received. Coordination and purchase of materials **M Williams/ JMC/ SMJ/ SW/ AW/ TG**

6.Events committee report

- a. 21st April proposed date for Spring Coffee Morning.
- b. Discussed Burns supper and agreed instead to hold a Stovie Dance. Norma Robertson to investigate prices of local Ceildh Bands (Music Makers; Buttons & Bows), or we could use a CD of dance tunes. Planned to be a family event held in March 2012. **NR**
- c. M Andrews may be able to get funds for cultural/ theatrical activities to use for Crooked Jack show or in conjunction with Stovie Dance. **MA**
- d. Fife Athletic calendar- race for Gateside in for Sept 5th but route to be agreed later.
- e. Hannah Phillips to include WRI information in the Fife Herald report. **HP**

7 Treasurers report

Balance £6233

8 AOB

- a. Discussed whether oil tank has padlock Kate to check **KF**
- b. Dates from School and WRI required for Hall Diary **MA/ Grace Cronie/ JMC**
- c Zumba has re-started and Pilates will start in February.
- d. Dog poo and broken glass has been found in the park. Notice to be put in Newsletter.

Next meeting 9th February 2012 7.30pm