

DAVIDSON'S MAINS AND SILVERKNOWES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 13 December 2011 at Davidson's Mains Primary School

Police Report - Sergeant Watters

A record of police attendance at Mackenzie's over the preceding months was reviewed in the light of continuing complaints from residents of nuisance and noise from the premises. A letter of complaint to the Licensing Board was in draft form and would be sent shortly.

Following a public meeting on vandalism in Silverknowes a meeting had been arranged at the City Chambers between the relevant Councillors, officials and the police to review further action.

Sergeant Watters reported that police presence in the area most affected had been in place for a number of week-ends and that a mobile CCTV camera had been operating by Silverknowes Eastway. Combined with the onset of winter weather there had been no recent significant anti-social behaviour to report.

Equally the incidence of trouble around Tesco had been negligible.

It was noted that residents of Silverknowes Court had been disturbed by youths congregating in the area and Sergeant Watters stated that they would keep an eye on the situation as necessary.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 November 2011 were approved.

Matters Arising

a) **Edinburgh Lighting Strategy** – a letter from the Council setting out its proposed policy on lighting in the City as a whole was noted and the contents in general were agreed with.

b) **Safer Routes to School** – carried forward

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c) **Triangle at Queensferry Road.** Work on upgrading the traffic triangle had been successfully completed.

4. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Heather McNaughton tendering her resignation from the Committee due to work commitments. Her resignation was accepted and thanks given for her past services.

5. Reports

a) **Police:** Dealt with at start of the Meeting

b) **Treasurer:** Balance on current account - £4,515.29. It was reported that the revised accounts for last year had been agreed as proposed at the previous meeting.

c) **Friends of Davidson's Mains Park:** The AGM had taken place with nothing significant to report. It was noted that Jo Butt had resigned from the committee of FDMP with Eunice Smith remaining as the sole representative of DMSA on that body.

d) **Friends of Parks.** A meeting had been held at the City Chambers which had shown a good level

of support for parks initiatives.

6. Almond Partnership

There had been no NP meeting in the previous month. The Community Plan, which was tabled, was to be presented at a meeting on 14 December. Under the Council's Severe Weather Initiative the Chairman requested members to report any missing or empty grit bins in the area.

Safety Forum - nothing to report.

7. Christmas lights

The event had worked well. Some minor points were noted for next year. It was felt that the timing required some adjustment to facilitate set-up in the church hall. Thanks were offered to all who had assisted.

8. Mackenzie's

Continuing problems had been noted as per the Police report at the start of the meeting.

9. Tesco

Litter bins by the path to Tesco had not been replaced by them for insurance reasons. Litter continued to accumulate and a further litter-pick was a possibility.

10. Vandalism

Dealt with under Police report

11. Membership

There had been an increase of approximately 30% in membership.

Strategy for increasing membership further was carried forward.

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12. School catchment area

A letter of support from the Association had been sent to residents in Silverknowes Eastway.

13. Lauriston Farm

Following an earlier suggestion for a community project there, it had been confirmed that the land was designated as 'common good' land. It was unclear as to the position of the farm building itself.

14. Access to Davidson's Mains Park

The Committee reviewed a suggestion from a resident for a new access at the triangle and other matters. It was felt that this was impractical from several perspectives.

15. AOCB

The Chairman noted invitations for members to visit the Edinburgh CCTV centre and the new Neighbourhood Partnership Hub at Drum Brae in early 2012. Details to be confirmed.

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There was discussion of signage for the Royal High School and Davidson's Mains Park.

An enquiry as to the possibility of an area-wide 20mph speed limit had been responded to with the Council's policy of implementing such schemes gradually with areas sustaining high accident rates receiving priority, for which Davidson's Mains did not qualify.

Date of next meeting – 10 January 2012 at Davidson's Mains Primary School