

**DAVIDSON'S MAINS AND SILVERKNOWES ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Management Committee Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012**  
**at Davidson's Mains Parish Church North Hall**

**Chairman:** Rod Alexander

**In Attendance:** Sgt Ian Watters, PC Jim Loosemore, Councillors Kate MacKenzie and Norman Work

**Police Report:** In order not to detain the police representatives, this item was taken before the main agenda

Sgt Watters detailed episodes involving the police in our area since the last meeting, with some subsequent arrests. Reported crime was less than in the previous month. The two month enhanced police presence has reverted to usual cover since Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

**1.Matters Arising:**

a) **Safer Routes to School** – carried forward AV

b) **Vandalism in Silverknowes** – a meeting of Silverknowes and Muirhouse representatives, Neighbourhood Managers, Councillors and Police has taken place, to discuss vandalism and anti-social behaviour in Silverknowes. It was agreed that the Council would undertake two surveys:

a) to study current pedestrian movement and use of the access routes between Muirhouse and Silverknowes, and

b) to get residents' opinions on possible closure of access points.

A follow-up meeting is planned in February, to review the surveys and decide on the next steps. The DMSA is to circulate residents with an update newsletter. RA

Street lighting modifications are reported to have led to some improvement.

**4. Correspondence:** None received

**5. Reports**

a) **Police** - see above

b) **Treasurer** – Current balance £4420.

c) **Friends of Davidson's Mains Park** – reports received prior to the meeting from Eunice Smith, comprising AGM Minutes, the WIAT project, the proposed Action Plan, and a draft Code of Conduct for professional dog walkers. Discussion carried forward till Eunice available. ES

d) **Friends of Parks (City Chambers)** – carried forward ES

e) **Cramond Community Council** – An inaugural meeting of the “Friends of the River Almond” is to be held on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> in Cramond Hall.

- 6. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership:** A meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec discussed the City Development Plan, especially concerning alternative options for new housing in west Edinburgh. It was noted that the DMSA had already expressed its preferences.
- 7. Mackenzies:** A complaint was lodged by DMSA last month, and will be considered at a meeting of the Licensing Board on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. No recent problems have been reported.
- 8. Tesco:** After a period of neglect, litter clearance has resumed in the last few days, with the assurance that this will be continued. Jo Butt has contacted Diarmid Harris at Dedridge Primary School about their proposed litter pick later this term, which will include the Tesco Path and the Park, and Diarmid will be liaising with Tesco about this. There has been no recent vandalism reported.
- 9. Membership:** Carried forward **RA/CC**
- 10. School Catchment Silverknowes Eastway:** No action till boundary and access issues settled. Carried forward.
- 11. Other Business:**
- a) Evening News:** At present, there is no designated reporter covering news relating to Davidson's Mains/Silverknowes. Charlotte will write to request clarification. **CC**
  - b) Gritting on Side Roads:** Discussion of risk to cyclists, but agreed that current plans for prioritisation of gritting are reasonable.
  - c) Royal Jubilee:** Patricia McCulloch to explore acquisition of a Royal Oak tree from Sandringham. Other considerations carried forward. **PMcC**
  - d) Drumbrae Library and Community Hub:** Open day on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.
  - e) Visit to CCTV Centre** – Carried forward.
- 12. Next Meeting:** Provisionally on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, at 7.00pm, in Davidson's Mains Primary School. Charlotte to confirm. **CC**