

**DAVIDSON'S MAINS & SILVERKNOWES ASSOCIATION**  
**Management Committee Meeting 14 April 2015 6.45 pm**

Chairman – Rod Alexander

**1. Matters arising** (excluding items scheduled for later discussion)

3a. It was noted that the former local police box is now owned by Edinburgh Tourist Services Ltd, a property ownership company. The Scottish Assessors Association lists the address for the box as the business address for the company.

**2. Correspondence**

The committee had been provided with a list of correspondence received during the month. All items of significance had been previously circulated to the committee.

**3. Reports**

**5a Police Report**

PC's Sophie Marshall and Walter Miller presented the monthly Police Report.

The main issue continues to be housebreaking which is a serious problem for our area and is mirrored across the city. The Police advised that the operation to allocate additional resources to the problem had been renamed operation RAC and was continuing.

**5b. Treasurer's Report**

Gordon presented the provisional Accounts for 2014. These were formally approved subject to final validation by the Accounts Examiner.

It was agreed that recently received membership applications would be regarded as applying for session 2015-16.

**5c. Friends of the Park**

There was still great concern about the Himalyan Balsam problem .

**5d. Almond NP Environmental Group**

There had been no meeting since our last committee meeting

**5e Community Safety Forum**

Rod reported that a CSF Meeting had taken place on 19<sup>th</sup> March but the DMSA had not attended due to an mix up over the circulation of the notification and the agenda. He had received an apology about the mistake. Rod made the point that with the high incidence of crime at present it was very important for the DMSA to be represented at these meetings.

The meeting had decided that anti-social behaviour and break-ins to garages and sheds in our area should continue to be the number one priority, although in reality the biggest problem was now the number of house break-ins.

**4. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership**

It was noted that the next meeting is on 29 April in Davidson's Mains Parish Church and is a designated public meeting. Rod advised that he had arranged to meet Henry Coyle on 30 April to discuss the local action list and any other relevant local matters.

**5. Corbiehill Road, Corbiehill Crescent and Vivian Terrace Parking Problems**

It was noted that the notice for the painting of double yellow lines on the corners of Vivian Terrace/Corbiehill Road and Corbiehill Road/Corbiehill Crescent has still not been advertised.

7a. Repainting of white lines in Vivian Terrace. It was noted that a resident reported that the white lines painted over driveways in Vivian Terrace are badly faded and so are no longer effective. They are being ignored by drivers who are parking vehicles in positions which make it difficult to exit from driveways both on the same side of the road as the markings and from those opposite. It was agreed the matter would be raised with the local Roads Manager .

**6. 20 mph speed limit**

Rod reported that our complaint about the exclusion of the east end of Main Street from the proposed 20 mph zones had been accepted by the Council and in due course the regulation orders would be amended.

**7. Progress on Approved Local Projects .**

9a.Improvements to Roundabout at Davidson's Mains Park.

It was noted that the project would now include a speed bump at the entrance to the park and that the start date would be in May.

9b. New pathway Silverknowes Road East.

It was noted that the start date for this project had been extended by a delay in finalising the contract documentation. The likely start time was now advised to be early May .

**8. Local Action List**

Rod reported that Charlotte, Seonaidh, Henry and himself had reviewed the action list in detail and that there were some matters to take up with Darren Wraight . This had been on hold until Darren had returned from leave but the matter would now be progressed. The committee would be provided with a summary of the issues. The committee expressed concern at the apparent slow progress on completion of a number of items on the list.

**9. Planning 5 Vivian Terrace**

Charlotte advised that we had received an acknowledgement to our objection.

**10. Vandalism & Housebreaking in the area**

This was discussed in conjunction with the Police Report ( item 5a) during the police report. It was decided that we should write to the MSP the list MSP's, and the Chief Inspector to express the concerns of local residents at the high levels of local crime and the fact that the problem had now been ongoing for almost a year without any resolution.

**11. Christmas Lights Switch On**

It was agreed that discussion on this item would be carried forward to the May meeting.

**12. RHS Club Licensing Application**

It was re-affirmed that any future application would be considered on its merits at the time. No further action is necessary for the present.

**13. Signs at Lauriston Castle**

It was noted that Norman had confirmed by email that he was still awaiting information about the installation of the garish signs at the entrance to Lauriston Castle.

#### **14. AGM**

It was agreed that Police Inspector Annicea Madine would be invited to address the Meeting, given the current interest and importance around local policing issues.

Brian kindly offered to take charge of organising refreshments.

#### **15. Newsletter**

It was agreed that the newsletter would be delivered over the week-end of 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May, deliberately timed to avoid being caught up with the literature being circulated for the Election on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The plan would be to have the newsletter ready for printing around the end of April.

#### **16. AOCB**

**a.** it was stated that the marking of the roundabout at the west end of Main Street was badly faded and required re-painting. It was agreed this would be reported through Clarence.

**b.** Mary Rose Caden advised she would be re-signing from the Committee at the end of the current session. Rod said he was sorry to hear this and that her service would be acknowledged at the AGM.

**c.** The change of tenancy of Mackenzies was noted. The committee agreed to take up an offer by the agent for Trust Inns for a meeting with the new tenant to discuss the relationship of the pub within the local community. This had recently been excellent and the committee wanted this to continue. Aileen undertook to arrange a meeting at which the committee would be represented.

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting 12 May 2015 6.45 pm in Davidson's Mains Primary School**