

DAVIDSON'S MAINS & SILVERKNOWES ASSOCIATION
Management Committee Meeting 13 January 2015 Davidson's Mains Primary School
Library

3 Matters arising

It was noted that appropriate gestures of thanks and appreciation had been made to all parties who had assisted with the Christmas Lights Event, in line with decisions taken at the December meeting.

4. Correspondence

Charlotte gave a summary of matters raised during the past month and confirmed that all matters of substance had been circulated to the committee.

5. Reports

5a Police Report

PC Steve Neill presented the report for December. There had been a significant increase in the number of housebreakings resulting in the theft of money and jewellery. In response the police had set up Operation Peleton to tackle this problem by having more police officers patrolling the area. It was confirmed that the police were continuing to give priority to the problem of anti-social behaviour on the east side of Silverknowes.

5b. Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that the balance in the account was £4728.19 and gave details of recent payments.

5c. Friends of the Park

Eunice advised that there had not been any recent meeting. She reported that there had been a need to cut down more trees and that a talk on the history of the Park is being planned for the end of February or beginning of March.

5d. Almond NP Environmental Group

Eunice reported that the City Officer for Archaeology had attended the most recent meeting. She intimated that an important archaeology conference is being planned and is expected to focus on Cramond. The committee agreed that our redundant notice board could be given to the Maltings at Cramond.

5e Community Safety Forum

Brian reported on decisions taken at the recent meeting. As a result of a serious accident between a cyclist and pedestrian on the pathway between the golf courses at the west end of Barnton Avenue the Council Cycling Team are considering measures to reduce the speed of cyclists. This has been a recurring problem and the subject of complaints.

It had been agreed to move the CCTV camera from the former Railway Bridge on Silverknowes Road to a location on the east side of Silverknowes where it was anticipated it would be more effective. The committee expressed some concern at how long it was taking to get the camera moved to an alternative location.

The Forum had decided that the ongoing criminal activity and anti social behaviour in Silverknowes would remain the number one priority for police action.

6. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

It was noted that the next meeting is a business meeting on 28th January.

- 7. Corbiehill Road, Corbiehill Crescent and Vivian Terrace Parking Problems**
Rod reported that he had received assurances from the Roads Manager that all the preliminary assessments on the effect of the order had been completed and that the order was with the drafting team.
- 8. 20 mph speed limit**
It was noted that the proposals for 20 mph zones across the city had just been approved by the City of Edinburgh Council . The committee welcomed the fact that the Council had agreed to our request to include the section of Cramond Road South between Main Street and Lauriston Farm Road within the 20 limits. Conversely there was concern that the east end of Main Street would continue to have a 30 limit despite the strong case which we had presented in support of a reduction to 20.
- 9. Progress on Approved Local Projects .**
 - 9a. Improvements to Roundabout at Davidson's Mains Park
 - 9b. New pathway Silverknowes Road East.Rod reported that he had received assurances that both these projects remained on schedule to be implemented by the end of the financial year. Meetings with contractors were taking place this week.
- 10. List of Current and outstanding Issues for Consideration**
Rod reported on progress on developing the list of local issues which would be used as an active tool to monitor actions, targets and progress. The items which the committee had agreed at the December meeting (and which had subsequently had some additional items included) had been passed to Darren Wraight and he had given an undertaking to provide an initial response on each item by the end of the month. The matter would be further considered once his response had been received. Rod agreed to circulate committee members by email regarding the details of decisions taken at his meeting.
- 11. Planning 44 Main Street**
It was noted there had been a further application for the above premises which sought to change the opening hours from the previously agreed 7.30 am to 9.30pm to revised hours of 9.30 am to 11.00pm. There were differing views within the committee regarding the implications of this change but it was accepted that it was important to support local residents who were concerned about the later opening hours and had asked us for support. It was agreed the details of the planning notice would be advertised on the notice board and that an objection would be made in support of the residents.
- 12. Recurrence of Vandalism Silverknowes**
This matter was discussed under the police report (item 5a) and Community Safety Forum (Item 5e) .
- 13. Problem of parking on pavements.**
It was noted that there had been a misunderstanding regarding the provision of windscreen notices to us by the police for use in situations of inconsiderate parking. These notices were for use only by police officers. The committee were pleased to hear that that the police had attended Vivian Terrace in December to leaflet vehicles and the committee agreed to ask the police for further such support as appropriate. Given the direct police involvement the committee decided not to pursue any further the idea of designing a notice for our own use .

14. Festive Soiree

Following discussion this was re-scheduled for Wednesday 4th February at 7 pm at Ye Olde Inn and Norman agreed to make the booking.

15. AGM

It was agreed by the committee that the List of Local Issues would be a suitable and interesting main topic for the 2015 AGM and Rod reported that Darren Wraight had provisionally agreed to be present to front a presentation. This was supported by the committee. It was agreed the question of a second speaker would be resolved nearer the time, although it was recognised the police would be suitable and that they normally attend. Following discussion it was agreed that the alternative dates of 20th or 27th May would be considered depending on the availability of the hall, the participants, and committee members. It was agreed that the date would be discussed and agreed by email communication over the next couple of weeks.

17. AOCB

17a. It was confirmed that the agenda for the February meeting would allow for a full discussion regarding the 2015 Christmas Lights Event.

17b. Eunice stated that she was unhappy that the item regarding the request to place a notice on the board from a resident who requires assistance was not on the agenda. The secretary replied that she had not received a formal request for this item. A discussion followed when it was agreed by the committee that this matter had been fully discussed previously at an earlier meeting and there was no justification for considering it again. For the avoidance of doubt the clear policy of not displaying commercial notices on the board was re-stated.

18. Date of Next Meeting 10 February 2015 6.45 pm in Davidson's Mains Primary School.