

**DAVIDSON'S MAINS & SILVERKNOWES ASSOCIATION**  
**Management Committee Meeting 10 March 2015 6.45 pm Davidson's Mains Primary**  
**School Library**

Chairman – Rod Alexander

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

3a. Planning application 44 Main Street (item 11 in minutes). It was noted that the application had been withdrawn.

3b Purchase of Local Police Box. Rod reported that he was still awaiting information from the Police Estates Department regarding the purchaser and intended use but expected to hear shortly.

**4. Correspondence**

Charlotte provided the committee with a summary of correspondence received during the past month. All items of significance had been circulated to the committee for information.

**5. Reports**

5a Police Report. Sergeant Willie Rennie was welcomed to present the monthly Police Report. As has been the situation for several months the main issue was the ongoing high incidence of house breakings in the area. Sgt Rennie gave assurances that the Police were continuing to give a high priority to the matter through Operation Peleton which ensured additional patrols and the deployment of non-uniformed police officers.

There was discussion on the recent Public Safety Event which had been organised by the Police. It had been attended by over 100 residents and had proved successful. The meeting had raised a number of queries about CCTV on matters which the DMSA had been pursuing for some time and subsequent to the meeting the Council had given undertakings to clarify the current situation.

Sgt. Rennie welcomed the fact that the police report was made available on the DMSA website and undertook to ensure it was sent by email to facilitate its display and distribution.

**5b. Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer the committee was provided with the details of the accounts. The current balance was £4578. Payments from the accounts since the last report in December 2014 included significant costs for the Armistice Day service and the Christmas lights event and this explained the reduction from the balance of £4941 reported in December.

**5c. Friends of the Park**

The recent talk by Denis Smith on the history of the area around the park had been very well attended and had been exceptionally informative and interesting.

The local Friends Group would be represented at forthcoming meetings of Friends of Parks to discuss the management of "Living Landscapes" throughout Edinburgh and to discuss future funding and practical support for the Friends' objectives.

**5d. Almond NP Environmental Group**

The most recent meeting had discussed a large conference to be held later in the year to discuss the Roman occupation of Cramond. There had also been a discussion on how best to promote historic and cultural interest throughout the Almond Area.

**5e Community Safety Forum**

There had been no meeting since the last committee meeting.

**6. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership**

There has not been a meeting since our last committee meeting.

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

It was noted that the Public notice to advertise double yellow lines to prohibit parking at the junctions is expected to be published in April.

It was also noted that there was an ongoing issue regarding the request by some residents to have the white lines across driveways re-painted. The Council had refused the request and the Association had been asked for support. The matter would be raised with the Roads Manager .

**8. 20 mph speed limit**

It was noted that the committee had formally complained about the non inclusion of the east end of Main Street within the proposed 20 mph zones for our area.

**9. Progress on Approved Local Projects .**

9a. Improvements to Roundabout at Davidson's Mains Park. It was noted that the contract had now been awarded for this project.

9b. New pathway Silverknowes Road East. It was also noted that the contract had been awarded for this project .

**10. Local Action List**

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> March for the committee to give appropriate time to give detailed consideration of the list.

**11. Planning 5 Vivian Terrace**

It was noted that the committee had been contacted by a number of residents who were concerned about the proposal to build a dwelling house in the rear garden of the property at 5 Vivian Terrace. A Pre-Planning application had been submitted to the Council for approval. Following discussion it was agreed that the committee would make an objection on behalf of the residents.

**12. Vandalism and Housebreaking in the Area .**

This matter was discussed again in the context of the local Police Report . The Committee were re-assured to hear that Operation Peleton remained in place to ensure additional resources were being provided to counter the serious housebreaking problem in the locality.

**13. Christmas Lights Switch On**

The meeting with Mrs Julia Higgins, the Head Teacher from the Primary School had been very positive and that Mrs Higgins fully supported the plan to get the School directly involved in the 2015 Christmas Lights Event, including the school choir. It was agreed Aileen, Laura, Henry and Mrs Higgins should form a sub-committee to discuss options and ideas for the event and that Aileen would report back to the April meeting.

#### **14. RHS Club Licensing Application**

The current situation was discussed and the committee re-affirmed the previous decision to consider a response if and when a planning application was made.

#### **15. AGM**

The date was re-affirmed as 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 with the Roads Manager and the Police as the main contributors. The main topic would be the Local Action List which by that time would be in the public domain.

#### **16. Notice board**

The committee discussed a complaint from a local commercial business regarding our refusal to display an advertisement from them on our notice board, on the basis that it had been to promote a non-chargeable event.

The committee considered that the event had been intended to solicit other chargeable commercial business and that the correct decision had been made.

The opportunity was taken to once again re-affirm the policy that the notice board would not be used for any kind of commercial notice.

#### **17. War Memorial Update**

Charlotte had very little to report other than she had found a document in Bob Brown's files which stated that the original intention had been that all servicemen from the old Parish of Cramond and current parish of Davidson's Mains would be named on the Memorial. As she was aware of others she had contacted Cramond Heritage Group who had informed her that a booklet was available which listed all the names on the Cramond War Memorial. She would obtain the booklet and cross check the names. The Committee agreed an article would be carried in the next Newsletter to once again ask residents if they were aware of any names which were missing from the Memorial from the Second World War and to extend the request to seek any names which should be added from subsequent conflicts.

#### **18. AOCB**

The issue of the garish advertising signs which had been erected at the entrance to Lauriston Castle was discussed. The matter had been the subject of complaints from local residents and a number of members of the committee shared the concerns about their inappropriate construction and appearance. Norman agreed to make enquiries to find out how the decision to erect these signs had been taken after which the committee would consider if the matter should be challenged.

There was also discussion on why the warning signs against dog fouling and cycling had been removed and it was noted that this had been required under the new Right to Roam Act which permits these activities in all public places.

#### **19. Date of Next Meeting 14 April 2015 6.45 pm in Reception Area, Davidson's Mains Parish Church. Please take note of the change of venue.**