

DAVIDSON'S MAINS & SILVERKNOWES ASSOCIATION
Management Committee Meeting 12 May 2015 6.45 pm Davidson's Mains Primary School

Chairman – Rod Alexander

2. Matters arising (excluding items scheduled for later discussion)

3a. Signs at Lauriston Castle (Item 15 in Minutes)

It was noted that Cllr. Work had received correspondence explaining the decision around the design and positioning of the signs. It was agreed any response from the committee would be discussed at the June meeting.

3b. Road markings at the roundabout at west end of Main Street. Charlotte stated that this had been overlooked and she would phone Clarence to report the faint markings at both the roundabout and zebra crossings.

4 .Correspondence

Charlotte confirmed that all email correspondence had been circulated to the members of the committee . No paper mail had been received.

5. Reports

5a Police Report

The main thrust of the Police Report was the significant reduction in reported crime in the area which had followed on from the arrest of 40 or so individuals in March. The committee were delighted to receive this news. It was noted that the Police Report for the area had reverted back to an earlier format and did not include the Barnton Avenue area in the statistics. This appeared to have been due to an administrative error and Constables Addison and Williamson undertook to ensure the matter would be corrected for the next monthly report.

5b. Treasurer's Report

Gordon reported that the 2014 Accounts had been formally approved by the Accounts Examiner. He reported that the balance in the accounts was little changed from the previous month. (Outwith the meeting, the balance was later confirmed to be £4619.01).

5c. Friends of the Park

Eunice reported that there had not been any recent meeting but RHS pupils had helped to move plants from a local garden to locations in the park and their help had been much appreciated.

5d. Almond NP Environmental Group

Eunice reported that there had not been any recent meeting of the group but advised that it was likely that the next meeting would include a presentation and discussion on the Roman excavations at Cramond.

5e Community Safety Forum

It was noted that the next meeting of the Forum would be in June.

6. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

The recent public meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership in Davidson's Mains was discussed. A number of members of the committee had attended but there was disappointment at the relatively low attendance which it was assumed could be attributed to the inadequate advertising of the event. The main topic on the agenda had been the Living Landscape Project which had raised some concern about the impact of budget cuts on the frequency of regular grass maintenance, even if it was being justified as an attempt to create a more natural and less manicured appearance at some locations.

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

The committee again expressed concern at the delay in implementing double yellow line restrictions at the road junctions. It was noted that a response was still awaited from the Roads Manager regarding the request for re-painting of the anti-parking markings across driveways in Vivian Terrace.

8. AGM

It was noted that Acting Police Inspector Annicea Madine had advised that she had been given a new posting and would be unable to attend the AGM as had been previously agreed. The committee were pleased to note that local Sergeant Willie Rennie would be able to deputise. Rod advised that he was meeting with Darren Wraight within the next few days to agree a suitable format for the local Action List for the meeting. Copies would be available on the evening. The committee discussed all the other plans and arrangements and everything was satisfactory.

9. Progress on Approved Local Projects.

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

The committee were pleased to note that this project had now started.

9b. New pathway at Silverknowes Road East.

It was noted that the contract for the project had been awarded but the start date had been delayed. Darren Wraight would be asked about the revised date given interest and enquiries from local residents

10. Local Action List

It was noted that the list had been updated to provide the most current information for the AGM on the 20th May.

11. Newsletter

The committee expressed their appreciation of the amount of work done by Rod and Charlotte in producing a Newsletter which was full of interesting content.

Rod reported that deliveries were organised and in hand and that all deliverers had given an assurance to get their bundles done by Wednesday 13th May at the latest.

12. Mackenzies

Aileen, Charlotte and Laura reported back on a recent meeting with the new licensee of Mackenzie's. The licensee's wife, the chef, and a representative from Trust Inns was also present. The committee were pleased to hear that the meeting had been very positive in that the Licensee had made it clear he wanted to provide a well ordered friendly community pub where there would be no concerns from local residents about mis-behaviour.

13. Christmas Lights Switch On

Aileen requested that this matter be carried forward to the June meeting to allow more time for discussion with the Primary School. She confirmed that the initial contacts had been very positive.

14. Vandalism & Housebreaking in the area

Rod and Charlotte reported that letters to our MSP's regarding complaints about local policing had not yet been done but would be sent after the AGM was out of the way.

15. Silverknowes Café

The committee discussed a proposal by a new tenant to increase the services provided at the Council owned café at Silverknowes Promenade. They were broadly supportive of the initiative but decided to defer any further consideration of the matter until a formal planning proposal had been made.

16. AOCB

16a It was noted that a complaint had been received about cyclists intimidating pedestrians in the lane between Vivian Terrace and Cramond Road South. The committee noted that the solution to this problem was being planned with the proposed extension of the cycle route from Silverknowes Road Bridge along the former railway path to Tesco and Cramond Road South.

16b. It was reported that the bench at RBS at the foot of Main Street was in a state of disrepair. Charlotte agreed to report this to the relevant department as two of the other benches in the village had recently been refurbished.

16c. Reports had been received separate complaints about persistent barking of dogs. One was from a location around the junction of Barnton Gardens and Cramond Road South and the other was from a location around Vivian Terrace and Corbiehill Grove and Gardens. It was agreed to report these complaints to the Dog Wardens for them to investigate.

16d. It was reported that the pavement outside St. Margaret's Church was uneven and that an elderly lady had tripped and fallen. Rod agreed to have a look at the location and report it to Clarence.

16e Charlotte reported that she had been approached by a resident who wished to join the committee. It was agreed she would be invited to the June meeting.

17. Next meeting 9 June 2015 Davidson's Mains Primary School Library at 6.45 pm.