

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

Chairman – Rod Alexander

Matters arising There were no matters arising which were not covered by main agenda items.

Correspondence

It was noted that all items of significance had been circulated to the committee.

Reports

5a. Police Report

Sergeant Willie Rennie and PC Steven Neil gave the committee a report on Police incidents in January. The relatively high level of crimes over recent months had continued although there was some degree of encouragement that there had been no reported housebreakings over the last two weeks of January. The police confirmed that Operation Peleton, the project to allocate additional resources to the area, remained ongoing and Sergeant Rennie agreed to provide an update report for the notice board. The police advised on a plan to hold a community safety and advice session in Davidson's Mains on 25th February and welcomed the offer of support from the committee to help promote and publicise the event. The police took note of the fact that the notice in Tesco giving details of local police was well out of date.

5b. Treasurer's Report

It was agreed an update would be held over to the March meeting.

5c. Friends of the Park

Eunice advised the Committee that the Friends would be promoting a talk by Dennis Smith on a local history topic on Monday 2nd March at 7.15 pm in Holy Cross Church Hall.

5d. Almond NP Environmental Group

There had not been a meeting of the group since our last meeting.

5e. Community Safety Forum

There was nothing to report as there has not been a meeting since our last meeting.

6. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

Rod reported on the recent Business Meeting at South Queensferry. The main item of interest to the DMSA was a discussion with the Police about the ongoing anti social behaviour and crime across the north west of the city. The police were continuing with Operation Peleton which was designed to provide extra police resources in the Davidson's Mains and Silverknowes area.

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

It was noted that the latest information from the Roads Manager was that the notice on local parking restrictions would be advertised in April.

8. 20 mph speed limit

The committee agreed to actively pursue a complaint about the exclusion of the east end of Main Street from the proposed 20mph zone in our area.

9. Progress on Approved Local Projects.

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

9b. New pathway Silverknowes Road East.

It was noted that contracts had now been awarded for each project and that each remained on schedule for completion in the current financial year .

10. Local Action List

Rod reported on the up to date position with the Local Action List which had been circulated to the committee. It was noted and agreed that Law and Order issues would not be included for the present, pending further consideration, and that road and footpath repairs would be considered separately once information was available on the points score ranking order for local streets. The committee recognised that a significant amount of time was needed to discuss the list and so it was agreed a separate meeting would take place on March 4th for its consideration.

11. Planning 44 Main Street

It was noted that our objection had been acknowledged and that there were sufficient numbers of objections to require the planning application to go to committee. No further information was available at this stage.

12. Recurrence of Vandalism Silverknowes

This item was considered under the police report (Item 5a).

13. Christmas Lights Switch On

The committee had previously decided that the format and arrangements for a 2015 switch on ceremony would need to be changed to recognise the problems that had occurred with the 2014 event. It was decided that in principle a sub-committee should be formed to come up with proposals but that this should try to include a wider representation from young people in the community. To this end it was agreed that as a first step Aileen would approach the deputy head teacher at Davidson's Mains Primary School to discuss the possible direct involvement of the school in the 2015 event. It was also agreed that there would be merit in having a local Christmas tree but only if local business sponsorship was available and Henry agreed to pursue a line of potential sponsorship on behalf of the committee.

14. RHS Club Licensing Application

The committee considered a request from the Convener of the RHS Athletic Club to support a proposed application for additional late opening hours on Saturdays. Following discussion, when alternative views were expressed, it was agreed that there was no need to take any decision in advance of a formal planning application and that the matter would be considered by the committee on its merits at that time.

15. AGM

Wednesday 20th May was confirmed as the date of the AGM. It was agreed that the Local Action Plan would be the main agenda item and noted that Darren Wraight had agreed to be present to front the presentation and a public discussion on the topic. It was also decided the Police would be asked to have an input and that there remained the possibility for one other topic.

16. War Memorial Update

Charlotte helped the committee by providing an update on her research into servicemen who had been killed in WW2 but were not included on the War Memorial. It was agreed that the matter would be further discussed once she had gained access to the late Robert Brown's files to see if they contained any information on the original criteria which he had used to establish residential qualification.

17. AOCB

17a. It was agreed Charlotte would make a booking with the Parish Church Hall for the April meeting, or with one of the other churches if it was unavailable.

17b. From discussion earlier in the meeting Rod agreed to try to find out who had purchased the local police box and what was the intended use.

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