

**DAVIDSON'S MAINS & SILVERKNOWES ASSOCIATION**  
**Management Committee Meeting 15 September 2015 6.45 pm Davidson's Mains**  
**Primary School**

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

**3a. Road markings at roundabout at Main Street**

It was noted that the road markings on the crossings had been re-painted. The zig-zags on the approaches and the warning signs would be re-painted after re-surfacing work at the roundabout.

**3b. Barking Dog**

Tim reported that he had visited the dog owner who had acknowledged the problem and who would now keep the dog under control.

**3c. Uneven pavement outside St. Margaret's Church**

It was acknowledged this matter remained outstanding and had been missed from inspection on the recent walk-about. Rod undertook to have a look at it and if necessary to report the matter to Clarence and include it in the Action Plan.

**3d. Complaints about Post Office**

It was decided to keep this matter under review.

**3e. Use of Social Media**

It was decided not to pursue this for the present.

**4. Correspondence**

Charlotte reported that all relevant and significant correspondence over the summer had been circulated to the committee for information. The only outstanding matter for consideration was a consultation on the Strategic Development Plan for SE Scotland on which any response had to be made by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**5. Reports**

**5a. Police Report**

PC Jim Kelly presented the Police Report for August. He was thanked for circulating the report in advance of the meeting and also for providing up to date reports for June and July. The committee were pleased to note that crime had reduced from the high levels earlier in the year although PC Kelly cautioned that experience suggested that there tended to be an increase with the dark nights approaching. PC Kelly advised that it had been recognised that a greater priority should be given to community policing and that he and PC Aidan Dowds had been designated as community beat officers for Almond. He provided the committee with an email address for direct access to himself or Aidan Dowds on local matters - [edinburghalmondcp@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:edinburghalmondcp@scotland.pnn.police.uk) - but emphasised that the 101 system should still be used to report problems requiring immediate action.

**5b. Treasurer's Report**

Gordon reported that the current balance in the accounts was £5813.35. This significant increase from June reflected continuing income from membership applications and renewals.

**5c. Community Safety Forum**

Tim reported on the recent meeting of the Community Safety Forum. He confirmed that Police Action on housebreakings would continue as the main priority for Almond. Other matters discussed had included the outstanding question of a chicane on the golf course path and dog fouling in the Almond area.

## **6. Planning issues**

**6.1** Proposed advertising board at the junction of Craigcrook Road/Queensferry Road. It was noted that an objection had been made by the Association on behalf of local residents. There had been no less than 139 comments made on the proposal. As yet no date had been set for consideration of the application by the Development Sub-Committee.

**6.2** Proposed Development at 5 Vivian Terrace.

The Association had been notified that the applicant had lodged an appeal against the Council's previous decision to reject the application. It was unclear on what grounds the appeal was being made but it was agreed that the Association would make representations to the Council in support of the earlier decision. It was noted that the date for the review was 26<sup>th</sup> October and it was agreed we should try to attend.

## **7. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership**

Rod reported that he had been unable to attend the recent meeting and had not had time to review the minutes. He agreed to circulate comments on any relevant matters in due course. Councillor Paterson advised that most of the meeting had taken up by discussion around the Pedal for Scotland event which had caused significant problems for local residents along its route.

## **8. Local Action List**

The committee considered that the recent Walk-About had been very successful in identifying a number of new items for inclusion on the Local Action List. These were discussed and it was agreed they would be included on an updated action list which would be posted on the notice board and website shortly. Rod advised that notes from the discussions on the Walk- About should be available within the next week.

## **9. Autumn Newsletter**

It was agreed the Autumn Newsletter would be produced during the second and third weeks of October with a deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> October for completion (on which date Charlotte was going on holiday).

## **10. War Memorial/Armistice Day**

Following discussion it was agreed a new Trust Deed should be drawn up to formalise the ownership of the War Memorial in the name of the Association. Charlotte advised that she would shortly be sending out letters of invitation to the event, in particular to the Rev. Kornahrens who would be the officiating Minister for this year. The Police and the Council would need to be contacted. It was agreed that detailed plans for stewarding the event would be discussed at the October meeting. Charlotte reported that following the public notification on the notice board and website and in our local newsletters it had been established that there was only one name missing from the memorial. She was currently obtaining designs and quotes as to how best to add the name to the memorial.

## **11. Christmas Lights Switch On**

Following discussion Henry agreed to take responsibility for the event and would liaise with the school and pipe band. It was suggested that perhaps a small tree could be lit in the grounds of Holy Cross Church for the switch-on to provide an adjacent point of focus for the switch on rather than the distant street lights. The date was provisionally set for either the 27 November or the 4 December. Charlotte agreed to check these dates with the hall keeper at the church. It was agreed Gordon would contact the Council once a date had been agreed.

## **12. Membership**

Charlotte reported on the current membership numbers following the membership renewal exercise for the new session. The current number is 242 compared with 252 at the start of the exercise. Allowing for demographic changes there were only 13 of the previous members who had not renewed and the committee considered this was highly satisfactory. Rod suggested that we should try to maintain numbers around 250 as being a reasonable proportion of the total number of local residents.

## **13. Formation/Extension of Neighbourhood Watch Areas**

Tim wished to support the formation of new Neighbourhood Watch groups in Davidson's Mains and Silverknowes. He said there are several in the area but it was not known whether they were still active or not. He agreed that he could be a local co-ordinator and agreed to provide an article for the newsletter to try to generate more support. This was supported by the committee.

## **14. Pedal for Scotland Event**

This event on 6 September had caused local anger along its route from Kirkliston to Murrayfield due to a lack of communication and poor organisation. It was noted that Cllrs. Paterson and Work were meeting with the Chair of Cycling Scotland to discuss the problems. Cllr. Paterson agreed to represent the concerns of the committee at the meeting and to provide us with feedback afterwards.

## **15. AOCB**

15a. Rod reported that he and Charlotte had the draft minutes of the AGM in hand and that these should be ready for the next meeting

15b. Rod asked the committee to note that the issue of changes to Electoral Ward boundaries remained outstanding for consideration by the committee and it was agreed this would be considered at the October meeting.

15c. It was noted that the Audit Report into the new Toucan crossing had just been received and circulated. It was agreed the report would be on the agenda for the October meeting so that the Committee could consider any matters which needed follow up action.

15d. Jackie raised a concern about the pedestrian crossing at on Main Street near the Junction with The Green. She said it did not allow older people sufficient time to cross. It was agreed that the matter would be raised with the Roads Manager.

15e. Gordon raised the matter of the lamppost near 51 Silverknowes Drive which had still not been replaced despite earlier assurances. This matter would be raised again with the Council.

15f. Tim reported that the CCTV camera had now been sited at the RBS in Cramond Road South.

## **16. Date of Next Meeting: 13 October 2015 6.45 pm in Davidson's Mains Parish Church Reception Area. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**