

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

1. **Apologies:** Brian Flanagan, Gordon McGregor, Councillors Graham Hutchison, Kevin Lang, Norman Work, Louise Lang.
2. **Present:** Rod Alexander (Chair), Charlotte Cowe (Secretary), Jill Smith, Laura Thomson, Ellen Searle, Coll Gardner, Carolyn Williams, Tim Mitchell, Seonaidh Edgar.

In attendance: PC Aidan Douds for the Police Report.

3. **Minutes:** The June minutes were approved

3.1 Ongoing Issues Log

The circulated report was updated to reflect the situation at the end of June with the addition of blocked cundies at Barnton Avenue.

3.2 Recurring Issues Log

An addition was made to this log which was the resurfacing of the Path between the Park and Clermiston which has been delayed until 2019. The drawing of a white line at the top of East Barnton Avenue has been delayed.

3.3. Matters Arising

3a. Re-Cycling Bins at Tesco

The original bin has been removed as we requested. This matter will be removed from the agenda.

3b. Street Lights on Ferry Road

Graham had nothing further to report but this will remain on the agenda as the dark nights will soon be here.

3c. Proposal for Grafitti Art on container at Davidson's Mains Park

The money has been received for this work. The container needs to be prepared prior to painting and have to fit the work in around the weather and the pupils' table. A Council voluntary rehab group will do the preparation. Rod suggested that the paint be purchased to start the work when required.

3d HGV's on Main Street

Charlotte reported that most companies complied with our suggestions that they avoid Main Street. Out of 15 only 4 did not respond. It was reported that the HGVs seem to be increasing again on Main Street so it would be worth undertaking this survey again. This will be removed from the agenda meantime.

3e. Jurassic Kingdom Event

Louise reported that the event organisers refused to attend a meeting so it never took place. However, in light of this and their mis-management of the event, they have been refused permission to return in 2019 for a similar event. This matter is now resolved.

3f. Application by Codona for Public Entertainment License at Silverknowes Foreshore

Codona did not appear at the Licensing meeting on 20 August so they have been re-scheduled to appear at the meeting on the 17 September.

3g. Tar & Chip resurfacing

The roads requiring to be redone have been re-tarred and chipped. A report is still awaited into why the original programmed failed. This will be removed from the agenda.

3h. Request for bus service to Silverknowes Prom

Our action was successful but there is some doubt as to how well the service is used. This will be monitored.

4, Correspondence

All relevant correspondence had been circulated and/or would be discussed as appropriate under the agenda for the meeting.

5. Reports

5a Police Report

PC Aidan Douds gave his report for August. The number of domestic housebreakings were down although garage break-ins were up. Vandalisms were still a problem particularly in Lauriston Castle grounds, Cramond Road South and the Park. The youths appear to enter Lauriston Castle grounds before the gates shut. With regard to this Tim agreed to organise a meeting between the Councillors, DMSA, the Police and Mike Durnan to decide a course of action. PC Douds has requested CCTV for the area which has been agreed probably sited on a lamppost beside the former RBS building. Carolyn stated that there had been an increase in problems with youths on the Tesco path between Tesco and the old railway bridge with reports of broken windows and items thrown into gardens in The Green.

5b. Treasurer's Report

In Gordon's absence the total amount in the bank account is £10,065.02. The breakdown of the difference between DMSA and Lights Group Fund will be given at the next meeting.

6. Planning Issues

6a. Former RBS building. The refurbishment of this has started. There were one or two minor irritations such as the fence blocking the notice board and blocking part of the pavement but after a discussion with a member of the company these were quickly resolved. The wall surrounding the building is being retained and

6b. Mackenzies

The plans for this have still to come before the Planning Committee.

6c. Cammo site

An objection was made on behalf of the DMSA. We are waiting for a report from the planning committee.

7. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

This is the current structure of CEC. Headed by Edinburgh Partnership Board made up of Council leader, chief executives and reps from political groups plus one rep from the Association of community councils. This board has no decision making powers. This is a legal board so cannot be changed. Underneath this are Locality Groups, Strategic Partnerships, Neighbourhood Partnerships and Strategic Advisory Groups. Some of the work in these groups is duplicated so the Edinburgh Partnership Board want to streamline these. The suggestion is that instead of Neighbourhood Partnerships of which there are 12 there would 4 locality groups covering the whole city. The suggestion was that CC's in each locality would get together to send one representative for them all to the Locality group. However the overall view of this meeting was that this would never work as local communities are very diverse and one person could not possibly represent them all and the voice of local communities would be lost. Everyone thought that that NP system worked well albeit not perfectly but everyone had a voice at this level. The consultation document was completed with this theme running through it so it will be interesting to see what other localities suggest for their areas.

8. Local Action List

This has not been updated since May. Rod and Tim will meet with Patrick Coogan to discuss the programme and agree priorities. One item of urgency is the replacement of bollards on East Barnton Avenue.

9. Christmas Lights 2018

The switch-on date has been confirmed by the Council as Saturday 1 December. The Licensing form has been submitted. Ellen stated that the fundraising is on track for £6000. Another £1000 has been agreed from the airport fund; a Santa dash will be arranged. The production of a Community beer has been in place and will be available to buy from The Olde Inn on 2 November as well as at the Lights Switch-On. **(Do we need to apply for a temporary licence for this?)** An award of £2250 has been made by the Neighbourhood Partnership which will be used for the expenses for the Switch-on.

10. Facebook page for DMSA

This is still under review. Paul Steen has agreed to assist Rod with setting this up.

11. Survey - Parking at The Green

Carolyn and Laura delivered the flyers/questionnaires and returned to collect the completed questionnaires. The results of this were 27 in favour of parking charges, 6 against with no responses from 13, 2 residents did not own a car while number 7 was empty. Most residents who replied wanted controlled parking on both sides of The Green. The next step is to inform residents of the results which will be passed to the council for their consideration.

12. FutureDMS

Paul circulated a report based on the results of the meeting held at the AGM. Rod will meet him and Helen to discuss what they are proposing for immediate actions and then report back to the committee. Details will be passed to the committee after this meeting takes place.

13. Membership

We started with 239 members. 211 members renewed; there were 12 new members making a total of 223. 20 members had lapsed making a total of 243. 4 had subsequently moved away or were deceased which agrees with our original total of 239.

14. Shoreline Project

Rod attended a meeting with other interested groups. Our vision of the Shoreline was to improve the amenity of the foreshore, bus services to the Prom, cycle racks etc. However, the awards which have been made but mainly for art programmes in North Edinburgh which already up and running.

15. Upgrade of Roundabout at Main Street

Our comments regarding this upgrade were sent to the Council. The safety engineer is considering the points made including the installation of lights at this junction.

16. Current Traffic and Parking Issues

Tesco have restricted parking to 3 hours. Since that notice more cars are parked in local streets all day. Main Street is congested around the shops near the roundabout. Complaints were made about pavement parking which is a continuing problem. It was agreed to report these problems to Clarence.

17. Local Litter and Waste Collection Problems

Tim is meeting with the environmental wardens to ask for extra bins on the pathway through the Park to Clermiston. There will be a meeting to discuss the lack of a bin outside the former RBS beside the existing bench. There will be another meeting with the RHS to try to alleviate the problem. Tim will liaise with other interested parties and the environmental wardens.

18. Remembrance Day Service

The forms for the Licensing and Roads Departments have been lodged. Contact will be made with the relevant personnel for the youth groups and organisations who usually take part in the service. The relevant minister will also be asked to take the service.

19. AOCB.

There was none.

20. Date of Next Meeting 9 October 2018 6.45 pm in Davidson's Mains Primary School