

Guardbridge Community Council
AGM Minutes

Thursday 30th June 2016 at 7.30pm
Guardbridge Bowling Club

Apologies – Patsy Waddell (Guardbridge Primary School) Cllr. M. Taylor

Present – M. Duncan, Rogers, L. Scott, O. Walker, B. Wilson
Cllr. T. Brett, Cllr. B Connor

1. **Minutes of CC Meeting May 26th** - were circulated to CC members and a few to public attending.
2. **Matters Arising**
 - 2.1 Nick – Approached Alan White of Parks about the provision of a dog dirt bin near Estuary walk. Request refused despite numerous complaints by residents. Nick found a suitable bin and sent a photo to Mr. White. Bin accepted by Mr. White and the required Dog Waste sticker applied and bin has been placed in position at the beginning of the walk.
 - 2.2 Fife Council pot holes (2ft x 1ft) on Motray Crescent. Whole road needs resurfacing and a speed ramp is badly designed as rain water can no longer drain away creating sitting water. Cllr. Connor suggested the road was not bad enough for resurfacing but would bring it up.
 - 2.3 Jane brought up the ‘sinking road’ outside the mill site on both sides of the road at the bus stops. The installers of the cable are responsible for this and it is in hand. Yellow road markings around the ‘dips’ in the road. Apparently repairing is in progress. These dips are causing cars and buses to slow down.
 - 2.4 Eden Mansion Hotel – Seggie Farms – Hotel signage was discussed. The sign was applied for and refused. Sign is up however and takes up a bit of the foot path but not much – Bill Wilson. Folk have to walk single file. No enforcement issue – Cllr. Brett. Cllr. Connor agreed. Zoe Rogers – sign a good advertisement for the area and should be there. Consensus - the sign stays.
 - 2.5 Old Bridge over Motray is rusting metal and a health hazard. Also several trees were to be removed. Cllr. Brett agreed to see to this.
 - 2.6 Zoe Rogers – football is being played again at the park. Posts are in bad state. Requested they be seen to.
 - 2.7 Bird Hide – bottom gate is broken. Vital energy will not fix this although they fixed the top gate. Oli Walker – has meeting with Geoff Morris of St Andrews University and will bring this to his attention.
3. **Financial Report** – Mary Duncan reported £798.23 in the pot after (125.00) paid out in Honorarium to previous Chair Elspeth Paterson, vice chair John Frearson, and Secretary M. Paterson. A further £21.00 towards David Finlay VC Memorial wreath. The Fife Council grant to the CC is £480.00/annum.

- 3.1** Bill Wilson – The laptop that was provided to Elspeth Paterson by Guardbridge Community Council needs to be returned for use by CC. Oli Walker has a spare printer which he is happy to donate. Thank you.
- 3.2** Oli Walker and Bill Wilson – suggest that the Honorarium is discontinued. Mary Duncan said it was not always used.
- 3.3** It was suggested the CC start a petty cash box for small incidentals such as teas etc. Oli Walker suggests that for any sundry expenses, the CC member retains their receipt and hand it to Mary at each meeting, for reimbursement via Cash or Cheque.

4. Standing Items

i. Correspondence

1. FVA – Zoe felt this was too prescriptive. Suggested Committee should comprise: two CC members, one member of the business community in Guardbridge, two residents. Oli suggested a committee be set up under the guidance of FVA and Cllr. Brett to agree membership. Helen Rorrison's suggestions are a guideline and not set in stone. It was suggested we get on and agree a strategy a.s.a.p.

What was agreed was that this committee would represent the residents of Guardbridge and they were encouraged to get involved and come forward with ideas and suggestions that would see monies received from the University of St Andrews going on projects that involve and consider all members of the community.

ii. Planning

1. Play Park

Zoe Rogers - £35,000 including the hedge and fence. The hedge and fence have been abandoned at this stage.

Total without fence Play Park is £21,000. Kingdom Housing will contribute £15,000 leaving a short fall of £7,100.00. Fife Council will not contribute to this shortfall. Should it come from the Community Benefit Fund? This is a large amount to ask for and would amount to an entire year of the CBF. It was pointed out that as a community Guardbridge had placed a community hub at the top of their list of priorities for the area and as such we should be looking at that as a first request from the CBF.

Zoe suggested other wards have more funding than Guardbridge and questioned the 'fund matching' given by Fife Council.

Oli will ask around for other funding opportunities and it was suggested that the children from Guardbridge Primary School get involved in Enterprise Fund raising. Zoe said this was a lot to ask of a small school. Nick mentioned 10 pupils starting in September. However this is still a small school. The play park will benefit children of all ages

Bill Connor suggested we look for extra funding – such as Tay FM, Lottery, Scot MID.

Cllrs. Brett and Connor will talk with Alan Bissett in the hope of raising funds from Fife Council.

Nick – suggested cutting Play Park to £15,000 and ‘adding as we go’. Zoe Rogers and Bill Wilson both countered that this would only make it more expensive in the long run – not value for money.

Cllrs. Brett and Connor recognise the problem and have both agreed to do what they can within Fife Council and have asked for a roll over to the next CC meeting.

5. Transportation

5.1 Road dips at the entrance to mill site mentioned again (see **2.3**)

5.2 School Sign on Main Street across from mill clock, outside the mill parking lot (west side of road) is terribly faded and needs replacing. It is completely white. Not fit for purpose. If it was in good condition it may well slow the traffic down somewhat.

5.3 Crossing at the mill? Not going to happen. Sue Martin from Dairsie suggested a higher footfall is what gets a crossing.

Trucks into the mill site when operational expected to be 2 ½ lorries/week. This was disputed. Nick – Lorries coming from direction of Leuchars with a suggestion of 1 log lorry/day in winter. Jane – Logs will be coming in and go over back bridge then out again through the same gate.

5.4 Cllr. Brett will clarify the above and suggested we ‘keep asking’.

5.5 Oli Walker – Working at the University of St Andrews and will talk with Geoff Morris about a number of issues/

5.6 Innerbridge Street houses building going on next to the school at the top of the road still causing parking and related problems. There does not seem to be much that can be done about this. School is ended for the summer which is a relief but residents still face some disruption.

6. Referred Items

i. Councillors

Cllr. Connor – Kids Activities Website.

Posters have been taken for the notice board.

Cllr. Brett – Future site for Madras College – awaiting report

Stagecoach bus changes – extra busses from St Andrews to Tayport – every 15 minutes now. Thinks this is the 42.

Fife Plans – Development plan for Fife reviewed by reporters. Identify land for possible development – e.g. mill site and Seggie houses.

National Review of GP practices – most of Guardbridge at Pitcairn Practice, Balmullo – recognised as high standard.

Expansion of Leuchars Rail Station car park (field opposite the station). September 2016 is too soon. It will be later. No planned walk way at this point – Cllr. Brett to check this.

Police Door Stop Campaign – Focus on community safety and the protection of adults and vulnerable people from scamming.

Ranald Strachan from Parks looks after the bird hides. Perhaps he can come to talk. Oli Walker has booked Mr Strachan for July Meeting.

Tentsmuir Forrest – Guided walks to look at sea eagles 17th July, 6th August and 27th August. People must book.

ii. Election of Secretary and Treasurer

CC Treasurer is Mary Duncan

Election of Secretary – no interest. Linda Scott will take the position if acceptable

iii. Primary School Report – apologies Patsy Waddell

iv. Community Police Team Report – no news. Markinch put their police news on the website. Cllr. Brett: we can ask about doing this on ours.

New Community Inspector – covered by Susi Martin (in Cupar), Ewan Masters and Pat Turner – Nick mentioned ‘Pop Up Bob’ – very effective at slowing cars as are speed guns. See N.E. Fife Twitter Feed. All information goes on here.

v. Guardbride Community Event Report

Cllr. Brett – Six areas of priority – happy with this. Individual members to discuss this. Cllrs Brett & Connor will support us – e.g. Community Hub (what does it mean, heritage of village etc.) This can be updated every quarter rather than every month.

Social Space – Bill Wilson will talk with Stephen Gethins and Oli Walker will talk with Geoff Morris of the University of St Andrews about land.

War Memorials - Zoe Rogers - Looking for money towards maintenance and possible moving of WW1 Memorial from its hidden position to perhaps the University land opposite mill where the flag poles are. Cllrs. Connor and Brett suggested there is money for this but that moving monuments is problematic. Cllr. Connor – Tayport received money for exactly this. It was agreed that the Monument should be seen and placed amongst a garden with benches. This is University land – Oli to discuss with Geoff Morris.

Complaint about the Finlay memorial in the park. Kate Hughes is the person to ask. It was suggested that we perhaps involve the army at Leuchars regarding moving and repositioning of such memorials.

Barbara – David Findlay VC Place. Big impressive yellow sandstone memorial with significant engravings. Suggested we all take a look at how impressive a memorial can be and how it can reflect local events, businesses and people.

7. Community Strategy

- i. Facebook, canvas banner etc.
- ii. Group e-mail passed around. Residents encouraged to become involved in community affairs.

8. Adoption Associated Bodies

- i. **Guardbride Primary School** – Patsy apologies
- ii. **Bowling Club** – Barbara and Bill Wilson both requested signage for the bowling club. Transport department keeps refusing as this is not a ‘tourist site’. This site is used as a polling station. Cllr. Brett to chase this up. Bill Wilson requested WiFi to be available at the bowling club.
- iii. **University of St Andrews** – Oli Walker will invite University to next meeting. We will question Planning notices on the lamp post opposite the mill. 16/01869/FULL – erection of access bridge and 16/01870/LBO – enclosure of exposed first floor gable.
- iv. **Crystal server**

9. Planning

- i. **Environment** – car park lighting and retaining wall at back of the car park. Oli to bring this up with Geoff Morris.
- ii. **Community Fund** – How long is the fund available for and what are the exact figures. This should be firmed up with the University of St Andrews. Bring this up with Helen Rorrison and ask if she deals with this sort of negotiation.
- iii. **Clayton Caravan Park** – Cllr. Brett. This is primarily in the Dairsie Ward. Planning Application to extend the park will take it over the Guardbridge boundary however. This will comprise some 3-400 units (static caravans) towards Guardbridge. Advised to look at planning application and be aware that this is happening in the future. Should Clayton be completely in Guardbridge? Cllr. Brett to discuss with Oli Walker.

10. AOCB

- i. Letter of thanks for the vouchers from St Andrews University. This has been done by Oli Walker. Thank you.
- ii. Flowers in the village – Bill Wilson. Who takes care of the flowers? It was suggested that we make more of an effort and perhaps talk with Carol Finny of Leuchars who have good street planting. Ask about bowser and watering. This is responsibility of the GCC and funding is available. Bowser available perhaps, but requires a tow bar. Oli offered use of his car/towbar.
- iii. Nick – Notice Board that was promised by the University. What has happened? Oli to put this to Geoff Morris.

Our next meeting is 28th July 2016. 7.30pm at the Guardbridge Bowling Club

Ranald Strachan and University of St Andrews to be invited.

