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Beechwood & Wheatcroft Residents Association

Minutes of meeting held

02/10/2025

Loch Lomond Rugby Club

**In Attendance:**

**Committee members:** T Neufeld, J McGarva, R Kerr, J Coulthard, R Stibbs, K. Smith, H Scammell, G Coulthard, J Kennedy, P Gallacher, K Gothard, D Bole, A McGarva.

**Apologies:** R Goodall, M Reid, E Adams (Park Property Management)

**Councillors:** J Bollan

**Residents:** None

**Community Police:** None

1. **Welcome and introduction:** Tom Neufeld opened the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance.
2. **Minutes:** Proposed by Janice McGarva and seconded by Paul Gallacher.
3. **Matters arising from last meetings minutes:** No matters arising.
4. **Park PM Update:**

There was no monthly report made available to the committee. Elaine Adams, PPM representative, advised that there had been little activity on the account during the past month and only one additional payment had been collected.
5. **Councillor Update/Questions:**

JB reported full grass cutting service has been re-instated. JB stated that eight traffic wardens as from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October were being deployed by the council seven days a week, in the first instance, to monitor double yellow lines parking in the town centres of Alexandria, Dumbarton & Clydebank. The parking fines imposed will be £80, reduced to £40 if paid within 14 days, but if the fine remains unpaid after 56 days the charge will increase to £120. The revenue from the PCNs will be used to cover the costs of running the service and to invest in new road safety and traffic projects. A resident enquired what impact the new parking policy would have with regard to vehicles parking on pavements within estates. JB stated that if you live in an estate and you see someone parked on the pavement you can contact the wardens. He said that Scottish government supports the principle of not allowing anyone to park on the pavement from a safety point of view, it can in fact force mothers with prams and wheelchair users onto the road in order to pass the car.
6. **Questions from Residents:** A resident stated he had noticed that a hole recently dug up by Open Reach had not been completely filled in. R Kerr, Deputy Chairman, stated he had been

in consultation with Open Reach with regard to the ongoing work ie installation of new fibre optics being carried out by Open Reach throughout the estate. He has received assurance that once the new equipment is installed the footpaths etc will be fully re-instated.

7. **Chair Report:**

TN, Chairman, stated he had nothing to report.

8. **Secretary Report:** Nothing to report.

9. **Treasures Report:**

JM stated current balances in the accounts are:

General Maintenance: £27,220.47

Reserve Account: £20,956.62

Social Fund Account: £ 128.50

Total: £48,305.59

JM confirmed further payments have been made that have still to show up in the bank account, that is: £342.62 indemnity insurance, £35.97 security cameras and £10,218 grass cutting and general maintenance, resulting in an outstanding total of £10,596.59.

This will effectively reduce the actual bank total to: £37,709.

There was general concern expressed by the committee at the associated costs to run the estate had recently mounted. A factor being the age of the estate and required investment needed to maintain steps, railings, ailing trees, storm damage costs throughout the estate and it was agreed that JM would provide the committee with an interim report which would allow the committee to decide if additional revenue measurements or maintenance cuts should be put in place to protect the general maintenance account.

10. **Contact Co-Ordinator:**

RG had submitted his formal apologies.

11. **Social Convenor Report: None.**

12. **AOB:** TN confirmed he had received an email from rugby club asking for a donation towards the recent renovations that had been carried out in the rugby club. Tom Neufeld proposed BWRA pay £250 every year, retrospectively from AGM 2025 and payable every AGM going forwards. The motion was seconded by Robert Kerr.

13. **Date Of Next Meeting:**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Meeting subsequently closed at 20.07 hours.

# Action Points

Meeting Date	Action	Responsibility	Update
02/02/22	Address Water Issues: a) Corner of Murroch and Beechwood b) Communal Car park at top of Beechwood	R Goodall/I Dickson with R Welsh (WDC)	Ongoing
01/02/24	Feedback from the report issued to the contractor regarding the pavements and roads	J Bollan to Liaise with WDC again on behalf of BWRA	Ongoing
01/02/24	Changing the accounts to online	J McGarva	Ongoing
04/04/24	Lower part of the gully area. (Awaiting plan from RG	R Goodall to provide a plan to J Bollan	Ongoing
07/06/24	Manhole repair lower end of Beechwood Drive	J Bollan reported problem to Scottish Water on behalf of BWRA	Ongoing
03/10/24	Additional bin to be placed at the top end of footpath 6.	J Bollan to make a request to Greenspace on behalf of BWRA	Ongoing
03/04/25	Fit cameras in estate to assist with fly tipping problem.	R Goodall.	ongoing
07/08/25	Replace bin at top of Beechwood Drive.	I Dickson to liaise with WDC on behalf of BWRA.	Ongoing
04/09/25	Gully Drain Collapsing on the street at top of Broomhill Crescent.	Resident advised to report online and J Bollan to liaise with WDC on behalf of BWRA.	Ongoing
04/09/25	Tar-surface breaking away on pavement. Corner Beachwood Drive, just down from opposite mail box.	Resident advised to report online and J Bollen to liaise with WDC on behalf of BWRA.	Ongoing