***Beechwood & Wheatcroft Residents Association***

*Minutes of meeting held 6/4/23*

*Loch Lomond Rugby Club*

**In Attendance: Committee members:**  T Neufeld, R Stibbs, D Bole, M Reid, J McGarva, A McGarva, R Kerr , M Harris, I Milligan

**Apologies**: R Goodall, L Patterson, L Stewart , R Pitt

**Guests/Councillors**: J Bollan, I Dickson

**Residents**: M Symington, F Richardson, J McCallion, D Laing, M Drummond, P Marsh, B McQueen, S McQueen, A Wallace, I Wallace, H Scammell, D McPhail, M McPhail, A Prentice, C Prentice, A Harrows, R Mulravey

**Community Police:** None

1. *Welcome and Introduction*- T Neufeld, (Chair) welcomed everyone, and acknowledged the high turn out at tonight’s meeting, which will probably be explained later in the agenda.
2. *Matters arising from last month’s minutes* - none Proposed D Bole, seconded M Reid
3. *Park PM Update*: No update this month as we have already agreed bi-monthly attendance. This year has seen the highest recovery with over 90%. Chair acknowledges the work undertaken by Elaine Adams on the non-payers.
4. *Councillor Update/Questions*: It’s been a welcome surprise that the e-surfacing in Broomhill Crescent has been completed and that work is underway on the pavements.. The Budget for the year has been passed, but WDC is still working through which Departments will be affected by cuts. Q – Will the pavements in Broomhill Crescent cul-de-sac 1-29 be done as well? J Bollan will check
5. Questions from Residents:

Planning Permission for the wind turbine behind the farm – where do we stand if planning permission is not granted, as appears to be a lot of work going on just now. - J Bollan confirmed the Planning Manager at WDC has confirmed there is no consent for the Contractor, and WDC will investigate, he does not know when this will take place

Resident spoke to Mr Smith re the size of the vehicles going through the Cul-de-sac to the farm road, and was advised that it should only be smaller vehicles in the future. The planning application says one or two vehicles for maintenance in the future. Residents are concerned about he size of the building as the footprint is larger than mentioned in the plans. If planning is granted, then possibility of changing usage later on.

The application went under the radar and we are now past the time for objections. Although comments can still be added and will be considered up to the date of the planning meeting. Allegedly the single turbine is to put in power for an industrial unit, however there have been various explanations on what this unit is for. He has said it would be a sawmill/produce wood pellets, but the concern would be that this would entail logging lorries using the estate for access to deliver wood.

Half the road is owned by Harris Smith the other half is owned by someone else. Only 2 people were notified of the application, but there is a Scottish Government guideline of notifying within 2KM, but this is not law.

Councillors explained that the planning meeting is open to public and objections can be raised, but there is not date yet – probably June. BRWA will get something on the Website and Facebook page with an update.

Some residents have been involved in trying to halt the works and lorries. The Police have also been involved.

Chair acknowledged everyone’s concerns, and J Bollan will raise again with WDC on Tuesday following the public holidays.

1. Chair report: Still awaiting the bill for the defibrillator replacement.
2. Secretary report: Nothing to report
3. Treasurer report: The current balances in the accounts are

* General Maintenance £25228.23
* Reserve account £21941.12
* Social Fund account £583.04
* Total £47,752.39

1. Contact Co-ordinator report: Unable to attend tonight, however a new Pine tree has been planted on the Left hand side at the entrance to the estate. R Goodall and T Neufeld are goingto do a bit of work on the gulley this weekend.
2. Social Convenor report: Nothing ongoing, just Thanks for support this week when dealing with the issues at the farm track.
3. AOB : There is an open manhole at Braehead, although this is not part of BWRA, I Dickson will take this away.

The Grass at the electrical box opposite 124 Broomhill Cres is slimy – will get contact co-ordinator to look at this, He has already y done a walk-round with MGS to identify some issues for addressing.

Still investigating the water/drainage issues. There will also be a tree survey arranged for the trees in the gully – J Bollan will get WDC to do another survey on the trees in there area

1. Next meeting is AGM on Thursday 27/4/23,

Action Points

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| Meeting date | Action | Responsibility | Update |
| 2/9/21 | Report Pot/holes pavement problems to WDC | all | Ongoing |
| 2/2/22 | Address Water at Murroch Cres | R Goodall/I Dickson with R Welsh | Ongoing |
| 5/5/22 | Contact BOS to get signatures changed | J McGarva | Ongoing |
| 5/5/22 | Replace/fix sign at entrance | R Goodall | Ongoing |
| 9/6/22 | Map out blocked drains and pass to WDC | R Goodall | Ongoing |
| 2/3/22 | Investigate water through Communal Carpark at top of Beechwood | R Goodall |  |
| 2/3/22 | Investigate utilising electricity from lamp posts for further De Fib Machine | J Bollan |  |