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Beechwood & Wheatcroft Residents Association

Minutes of Meeting held

06/02/2025

Loch Lomond Rugby Club

In Attendance:

Committee Members: T. Neufeld, M. Reid, G. Coulthard, J Coulthard, R. Stibbs, J. Szpringier, R. Kerr, K. Smith, H. Scammell

Apologies: J. McGarva, A. McGarva, D. Bole, E. Adams (PPM)

Councillor: J. Bollan

Residents: None

1. **Welcome and Introduction.** Tom Neufeld (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance.

2. **Minutes:** Proposed by R. Kerr and Seconded by T. Neufeld.

3. **Matters from last meeting minutes:** No matters arising.

4. **Park PM Update:** T. Neufeld, Chairman, reported on behalf of Park PM, that a total of 411 payments have been collected to date, in percentage terms 91.95%, 1 account remains on temporary hold and 17 accounts on legal actions, 18 accounts remain outstanding. BWRA has received a total payment to date of £16,851.

TN reported that the multiple-owner had submitted a payment proposal to Park PM. They are offering to settle the Beechwood element of the bills in two instalments, £2,000 in February and £764.20 in March, the 2025 invoice will be paid over 2 months May/June. The committee approved the proposal: Proposed by T. Neufeld and Seconded by R. Kerr.

5. **Councillor Update/Questions:**

JB advised that there was a considerable deficit in West Dunbartonshire Council budget and its possible that council tax charges may be increased. He also stated that the recent storm had brought with it substantial damages and it is expected to take months for the council to catch up with the necessary repairs.

6. **Questions from Residents:**

TN stated he had an enquiry from a resident asking if the ground at the sub station at Broomhill could be purchased as an attempt to stop it being used as a dumping ground, TN explained it is not BWRA policy to sell ground. General suggestions included no fly tipping notices, put up

fencing, plant hedging/trees. TN stated he and RG would have a look at the area to see if anything could be done to restrict fly tipping.

MR advised that there was an ongoing problem with sectarian graffiti on the grey metal box close to the upper bus stop Beechwood. MR had reported it to Greenspace and has requested them to clean it off.

JS reported that with regard to the block of flats off Beechwood Drive that rubbish had been dumped on the pavements and in the car park area by the contractor refurbishing one of the flats and left there for a considerable period before being uplifted. TN & RG to monitor the situation and see what can be done the next time it occurs.

7. ***Chair Report:***

TN advised that he had received a letter of thanks from CHAS for the recent donation of selection boxes.

8. ***Secretary Report:*** None

9. ***Treasurer Report:***

J. McGarva, Treasurer, submitted her apologies. TN stated that the cheque BWRA had donated to Rugby Club (£250 towards the sensory plan) had still had not been collected.

10. ***Contract Co-Ordinator Report:***

R. Goodall, Contract Co-Ordinator report included the significant damage throughout the estate due to the recent storm. The damage mostly consisted of falling trees, debris: Areas affected including area 3, area 26, main entrance to the estate. Area 34 a fence fell down behind lower bus stop. RG reported he had arranged a workaround with MGS, contractor, to inspect the damage and clear up tree debris.

RG proposed a hedge to be planted, species variable to provide all year interest, in area 34 behind lower bus stop, the approximate costs to be in the region of £400. The new hedge proposal was proposed by R Goodall and seconded by M Reid.

RG further stated the gully area damage was confined to one tree leaning over towards a resident's property. The tree is on land owned by WDC.

RG is proceeding with applying for the relevant planning permission with works required in the gully area and is liaising with MGS on the works required.

RG reported that arrangements have been made to install the Bleed Kit at corner of the cul-de-sac on Area 10. Registration with the ambulance service will be required. In addition, details are to be published on the BWRA website.

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

12. ***AOB:***

TN stated that next month meeting discussions will take place with regard to AGM. Fliers will require to be distributed, 28 days before date of AGM.

TN proposed that consideration should be given to the amendment of BWRA constitution, with regard to how internet banking is going to be administered.

TN also expressed concern with regard to action points required from WDC not being addressed. A general discussion commenced with regard to where the responsibility for the repair of the top step that connected two pavements at the block of flats off Beechwood Road. JB stated he was unsure if it was the council's responsibility and RG to supply JB with a plan of the area.

13. **Next Meeting:**

Thursday 6th March 2025.

Action Points

Meeting Date	Action	Responsibility	Update
2/2/22	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
5/10/23	Replace bin next to bus stop	I Dickson to liaise with WDC on behalf of BWRA	Ongoing
01/02/24	Feedback from the report issued to the contractor regarding the pavements and roads	J Bollan to Liaise with WDC 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
02/05/24	Grit and litter bins to be replaced in their original positions	J Bollan to Liaise with WDC on behalf of BWRA	Ongoing
07/06/24	Manhole repair lower end of Beechwood Drive	J Bollan to Liaise with WDC on behalf of BWRA	Ongoing
01/08/24	Repair top step of walkway from flats onto Beechwood Drive	T Neufeld/R Goodall	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 BWRA behalf.	Ongoing