***Beechwood & Wheatcroft Residents Association***

*Minutes of meeting held*

*04/04/2024*

*Loch Lomond Rugby Club*

**In Attendance:**

**Committee members:**  T Neufeld, R Stibbs, R Kerr, J McGarva, A McGarva, I Milligan, H Scammell, K Smith, R Goodall.

**Apologies**: J Coulthard, G Coulthard, M Reid, D Bolle, E Adams (PPM).

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

**Residents**: C Patterson, J Kennedy.

**Guests:** D Smith, K Cameron.

**Community Police:** None

1. *Welcome and Introduction*: Tom Neufeld (Chair) opened the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance.
2. *Minutes:*  Proposed Robert Kerr and Seconded by I Milligan.
3. *Matters arising from last meeting’s minutes*: HS noted that there was an error on page 2, Section 6, and clarified that it was Mr Harris Smith who dug the debris and he would also be responsible for the liability for clearing the debris.
4. *Park PM Update*:

EA, was unable to attend the meeting, however had given an update to TN, who reported that there were no changes, the payments remain at 91.28%, (408 payments).

It was asked if the Committee would deliver a note of the fees to the residents, it was agreed that the Committee would arrange a maildrop of the invoices.

1. *Councillor Update/Questions*:

JB advised that part of Stirling Road was being worked on by Scottish Power and that the following week WDC would be doing resurfacing work.

JM asked who was responsible for cutting back the bushes at the road (A813), JB said it would depend on who owns the land.

We discussed the water at the bottom of the hill, ID advised that it isn’t coming from the burn, it is cleared every other year. RG said that the area at that side is owned by Barratt. JB said that the council own part of the land and that the issue had been raised around the sports building, we would need to look at the foot print of the building and path to the street.

KS asked with there being a charge for brown bin collection, how this will work, JB said that residents will need to buy a permit. JB advised that food waste will continue to be collected, however if there is garden waste they won’t collect it.

JM asked if there was an update regarding the complaint about the pavements, JB said he was still waiting on an update.

Concern was raised about the BT box that was starting to collapse, JB advised to contact BT directly.

Concern was also raised about the state of the stairs at 124 and 122 Beechwood Drive, neighbours have reported this to WDC, there is also concern about the stairs between the 2 carparks, RG said we are aware of this and are waiting on confirmation on who owns them.

1. *Questions from Residents*:

IM said that she has seen an increase in dog poo in the streets. TN said that extra signs had been purchased the previous year, and perhaps more are needed.

It was suggested that residents needed to be encouraged to report it and that it would be discussed in the meeting following the AGM.

1. *Chair report:*

TN thanked Liz Stewart, Liz Patterson, JM and AM for distributing flyers to the residents.

TN noted that in advance of the AGM Ian Dickson has agreed to chair the meeting until the committee has been agreed.

IM advised that MR remains unwell, it was agreed that IM should purchase flower to send to MR from the residents association and JM will re-imburse the costs.

1. *Secretary report:*

KS confirmed there was nothing to report.

1. *Treasurer report:*

JMcG reported that there is no change to the accounts:

General Maintenance £28,609.66

Reserve account £21,612.12

Social Fund account £336.80

**Total £50,558.58**

A cheque written to the contractor, M & T Civils has been issued for £2778.40, however this won’t show on the account until after the AGM in April. A further payment of £2926.00 is due to be issued for works, including drainage, fencing, turfing and slabs. As agreed at the previous meeting on the 3rd March 2024 a donation of £100 was issued to Vale of Leven Hospital Watch.

1. *Contact Co-Ordinator report*:

The fencing at Highdykes has been completed.

Following the tree survey WDC Planning Department will be contacted for works to be completed.

10 pine trees will be planted around the estate, the beech tree has been re-located. The signage at the front of the estate will be looked at next.

RG reported that investigations are ongoing into who owns the pathways and gully areas.

RG also reports that a grant through Woodland Trust has approved 300 trees and should receive the tree package around October.

1. *Social Convenor report:*

TN reported on behalf of DB, that there was nothing to report.

1. *AOB* :

TN confirmed that the next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, on the 25th April 2024 at 7.30pm. The club will open at 7.00pm.

1. *Next meeting:* is on Thursday 25th April 2024.

Action Points

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| Meeting Date  | Action | Responsibility  | Update  |
| 2/2/22 | Address Water at Murroch Cres (i.e. The corner of Murroch and Beechwood) | R Goodall/I Dickson with R Welsh  | Ongoing |
| 2/3/22 | Investigate water through Communal Carpark at top of Beechwood | R Goodall | Ongoing  |
| 3/8/23 | Collect designs for Estate Entrance | R Goodall | Ongoing |
| 5/10/23  | Replace bin next to bus stop | I Dickson | Ongoing |
| 01/02/24 | Feedback from the report issued to the contractor regarding the pavements and roads | J Bollan | Ongoing |
| 01/02/24 | Changing the accounts to online. | J McGarva | Ongoing |
| 04/04/24 | Lower part of gully area. | R Goodall/WDC  | Ongoing |

RG advised that M &T Civils has been asked for a quote to do work at the top of the estate, however they need to get access, and this may fix the water problem with surface water.

ID advised that it can take a couple of months for bins to be replaced.

JM advised that the accounts require 2 signatories, ID suggested looking in to duel signatory account.