***Beechwood & Wheatcroft Residents Association***

*Minutes of meeting held 2/11/2023*

*Loch Lomond Rugby Club*

**In Attendance:**

**Committee members:**  T. Neufeld, M. Reid, R. Stibbs, H. Scammell, K. Smith, J. Coulthard

**Apologies**: R. Goodall, D. Bole, J. McGarva, A. McGarva, E. Adams (Park PM)

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

**Residents**: G Coulthard, J. Kennedy

**Community Police:** None

1. *Welcome and Introduction*- Tom Neufeld, (Chair) opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome to everyone.
2. *Minutes* – Proposed Margaret Reid, Seconded Tom Neufeld.
3. *Matters arising from last month’s minutes*: None.
4. *Park PM Update*:

TN reported on behalf of Park PM; a total of 407 payments have been collected to date, 22 accounts remain outstanding, 1 account on hold, 17 accounts on legal actions. Total payment to BWRA: £16,687.00. Total payment to Park PM: £9,768.00.

1. *Councillor Update/Questions*:

J. Bollan stated that Harris Smith has been allowed to submit his application to planning for a wind turbine. It was not clear if the plan is to connect the turbine to the grid. I. Dickson stated that both the farmers adjacent to the land had put in an affidavit to support HS claim that there had been a track previously used for agricultural purposes. H. Scammel stated that the distance from the proposed wind turbine to the nearest house on the estate is 450 metres, therefore, does not meet the Scottish government guidelines of 2,000 metres from houses. The general view was that installation and maintenance traffic to support the turbine will be a problem for the estate roads and the proposed project would undoubtedly have an impact on our current abundance of wildlife. A decision was taken to distribute flyers throughout the housing estate to encourage residents to put in their own objections to the proposed application. JB further stated that if HS had been successful with his original application to planning then there would have been a requirement for him to put in place a financial benefit for the residents affected and also to restore the ground to the original condition following the lifespan of the turbine.

TN asked JB for clarification with regard to the current works at Beechwood. JB replied that he would make enquiries and report back.

A resident asked what could be done about the water that continually runs down the road at Beechwood Drive and stated that in the winter it turns into a sheet of ice. TN stated it is an ongoing issue. K. Smith suggested perhaps Barratt would be able to supply us with the original drainage plans to help with the investigation of the problem.

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1. *Questions from Residents*: See Section 12 below.
2. *Chair report:*

TN stated the netting has all been cleared from Area 23 Beechwood.

TN reported that Rob Goodall is considering resigning due to his work commitments.

TN extended his warmest thanks to Janice for her very kind efforts to decorate the tree for Halloween and gave the children in the estate some enjoyment.

1. *Secretary report:* Nothing to report.
2. *Treasurer report*:

TN provided an update on behalf of J McGarva, Treasurer. The current balances in the accounts are:

General Maintenance: £27,823.54

Reserve Account: £21,612.12

Social Fund Account: £483.04

Total: £49,918.70

The payment to MGS for the sum of £7,866 covering ground maintenance, May to September this year, has been paid and cleared through the bank.

1. *Contact Co-Ordinator report*:

TN reported on behalf of RG that RG has been onto Sorbus to state that the tree task be completed within the next calendar month. In the event the task is not completed then RG intends to award the task to Monkey Puzzle, which was approved by the committee at the last BWRA meeting.

1. *Social Convenor report:* None.
2. *AOB*:

TN proposed that it would be nice for the children of the estate to meet Santa and his helpers to receive their selection boxes for Christmas. The purchase of around 50 in number was agreed. That is considerably less than last year.

ID reported that there are public meetings taking place in relation to the Vale of Leven Wind Farm. The dates and places are as follows:

28 November, Balloch House, 12 pm to 3 pm.

29 November, Rugby Club, 12 pm to 3 pm.

29 November, Community Centre, Dalmonach, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

There was general concern expressed with regard to the proposed size of the Turbines and the blight on the landscape they will cause.

M. Reid asked with regard to the proposed designs to the estate entrance. MR suggested we could possibly ask Robert Hanning, Supervisor at Parks, Greenspace, Alexandria, if he would have the time to give us any suggestions on low maintenance shrubs.

1. *Next meeting:*  Thursday 7 December 2023.

Current Action Points

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| Meeting Date  | Action | Responsibility  | Update  |
| 2/2/22 | Address Water at Murroch Cres | R Goodall/I Dickson with R Welsh  | Ongoing |
| 2/3/22 | Investigate water through Communal Carpark at top of Beechwood | R Goodall | Ongoing  |
| 1/6/23 | Tree Survey re TPO | R Goodall | Ongoing |
| 5/10/23  | Replace bin next to bus stop | I Dickson | Ongoing |
| 2/11/23 | Produce and distribute flyers to residents re: HS  | T Neufeld & committee | Ongoing |
| 2/11/23 | Contact Barratt re: drainage plans | J Coulthard | Ongoing |
| 2/11/23 | Estate Entrance shrubs | T Neufeld/ R Goodall | Ongoing |