

Hall Forest

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held at Torryburn Hotel on Monday 5th December 2005

Attendees: John Stewart, Ava Sainsbury, Alex McPherson, Gary Scott, Gordon Cowe, Craig Kennedy, Mike Wenham

Apologies: Ian Thomas, Ron Dickie, Tony Harvey, Graham McDonald, Richard Henderson, Dougal Slater

| Item | Description | Action |
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| 1. | <p>Introduction JS welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21st November were accepted and approved. Much of the meeting was spent going through items discussed at the previous meeting, and providing an update if there was.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Previous Actions JS Reported that he would write to the developers, asking about the legal status of the ownership of the open areas. GM to work with JS to draft letters, after introducing the RA to the developers.</p> <p>CK was to supply JS with the details of Betts head office</p> | <p>JS/GM</p> <p>CK</p> |
| 3. | <p>Bank Account The bank account was now open, and the chequebook has been received. We also have an invoice from the public hall for our first meeting. Treasurer/Vice-treasurer to meet with GM to sign cheque and post payment.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Colour Laser Printer Courtesy of a business that had recently replaced their office printers, the residents association now own a high quality colour laser printer. This will be used to print newsletters, posters, letters, stationary etc.</p> <p>If any resident is involved with the paper industry, then any donations of good quality printing paper would be very much appreciated.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Website Work still progressing. Various parts are ready, but may need some re-work to make sure everything works together with a single username and password for all parts of the site that are restricted to members only.</p> <p>AT and JS to review the current website before it is put live.</p> | <p>GM</p> <p>JS/AT</p> |
| 6. | <p>Developers Some discussions were held regarding the legal ownership of the open areas, and the implications for residents association adoption.</p> <p>JS agreed to get together with GM to draft a letter to the developers (possibility that Betts that still own all the areas), to confirm this.</p> | <p>JS/GM</p> |

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| | <p>based on previous experience.</p> <p>Dog Fouling: AM contacted the council who “have us in mind”, though no new bins will be provided until around spring time, when the monies available for such facilities will be better known. The problem did seem to diminish for a short period, but it has been noticed recently that the problems are getting much worse again. Some residents have noticed that dog mess has been appearing in their own front gardens. It appears to be residents outwith our own developments who are permitting their dogs to run freely amongst the open areas and gardens, and not clearing up after them.</p> <p>Hot Food Take-away: JS informed the group that planning permission had been granted to transform the newsagents on Northern Road (next door to the Post Office) into an Indian take-away. This was warmly welcomed as a valuable addition to the community, saving residents long journeys to Inverurie, Westhill or even Aberdeen for a curry. It was noted that the take-away will be operated by the same company currently running the Indian take-way in Westhill.</p> | |
| <p>11.</p> | <p>Social Events & Fund Raising</p> <p>It was decided that the residents association should start to prepare a social events calendar for the coming year.</p> <p>Our first event will be an informal gathering at the Torryburn Hotel on the evening of Friday 30th December for drinks. It is hoped that as many residents across all developments will attend, even if just for one or two drinks. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet neighbours, discuss New Year plans/parties, raise items with committee members etc. For next year, we would aim to hire a hall with a bar, disco etc. The main aim is to permit residents to have a good local party, and not have to worry about getting expensive taxis home etc.</p> <p>A number of options were discussed for events at Easter. One is to involve all the children in an egg hunt. The other is to distribute chocolate eggs to children on the developments. We shall ask residents opinions in our next newsletter which will be distributed to all households.</p> <p>For the summer months, the residents association are planning to have a street party/BBQ, with a bouncy castle, face painting etc for the kids. Residents would bring their own food to be cooked (we can’t guess at everyone’s dietary requirements!), but the RA would hope to supply soft drinks and crisps/snacks etc.</p> <p>For Christmas next year, the RA would look at a number of “bring a party to a party” options, with a coach to transport people to/from the event.</p> <p>A number of other social events which could also double as fund raising events were discussed, including a Pub Quiz (there must be a good quizmaster amongst us!), Raffle, Race Night and even a Bingo evening.</p> <p>These events will be planned over the coming months. If anyone has any other suggestions, then we would love to hear from you!</p> | |
| <p>12.</p> | <p>Historical Kintore</p> | |

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| | <p>GS provided an update on his research into historical Kintore. Most of the available information on the internet is provided on the Kintore.org website. Further research will be done over the coming months to build up a fuller picture of the history of the area.</p> <p>If anyone has any good historical stories, information or sources about Kintore (the 2005 School play was mentioned a few times), then Gary and the committee would be delighted to hear from you. This will be mentioned in the next newsletter.</p> | |
| 13. | <p>Newsletter The next newsletter will be printed and distributed to all residents in the area in the week prior to Christmas.</p> | |
| 14. | <p>Next Meeting The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday 19th December at 7:30pm at the Torryburn Hotel in Kintore. We would hope that all committee members will be able to attend as well as many residents for a Pre-Christmas drink.</p> | |
| 15. | <p>Close of Meeting JS thanked everyone for attending the meeting, which ended at 8:30pm.</p> | |