

Hall Forest

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting held at Torryburn Hotel on Wednesday 15th february 2006

Attendees: John Stewart, Graham McDonald, Gordon Cowe, Dougal Slater, Gary Scott, Ian Thomas, Alex McPherson, Karen Will

Apologies: Tony Harvey, Craig Kennedy, Andy Till, Ava Sainsbury, Richard Henderson, Ron Dickie, Karen Duguid

Item	Description	Action
1.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>GM welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda for he meeting.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 30th January were discussed in detail, accepted and approved.</p>	
2.	<p>Website</p> <p>Approval by email and verbal confirmation was given to proceed with the webhosting package from Streamlinenet. JS to set this up and claim back funds from Residents Association funds, as he is not a signatory on the bank account.</p> <p>GM gave a demonstration of the website to all present using his laptop, with static screenshots of aspects of the website which need a ewbserver to run (eg discussion forums).</p> <p>The website is virtually complete, with only some minor revisions required. There is no content, but the content management system will allow committee members and other residents to submit content directly. Fine tuning will take place once the website is up and running in the hosted environment.</p>	JS
3.	<p>Developers</p> <p>The Homserve letter from Scottish Water was an offical letter from them. It should be pointed out that it is only the short cold water supply pipe into the homes that are the responsibility of the owner. The chances of this ever failing are very remote and you are more likely to have a lottery win than cold water pipe failure, unless of course you are excavating your front garden. Most home buildings and contents insurance polices will cover this anyway. Residents are advices to check the details of the home insurance polices, and if they are covered, they can safely discard the insurance offer from Homeserve/Scottish Water.</p> <p>Residents who are nearing the end of their two year warranty period on their new home may be offered a similar deal through Homeserve, at a cost of around £150 per year.</p>	JS/GM

	<p>Central heating Megaflow Boiler: The local representative for servicing these boilers is Ally Calrk (Tel: 01224 706415, Mobile: 07831 423244). The Megaflow boiler needs to be serviced/checked annually to maintain the 25 year guarantee. Ally has said that if quite a few residents contact him to get this work done together, then he can offer a good deal as it means he has less travelling time between jobs.</p> <p>There has been a reasonable level of interest in this service, and there could be interest for group discounts on other services that many use, such as gardening etc, where the vendors can save time and effort by doing several jobs in the same location. These options will be investigated in more detail via the on-line forums on our website.</p>	
4.	<p>Greenbelt No progress or updates since last meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>Charity Status GM informed everyone that the Inland Revenue had reviewed our constitution, and were happy with the content. However, a few minor amendments to the constitution will be required in the near future, which will need the approval of a quorum of residents (minimum 25). This will be done at a General meeting towards the end of March.</p>	
6.	<p>Local Issues Dog Fouling continues to be the main complaint. The poster campaign has proved successful in some areas, considerably reducing the problem. The posters will be taken down shortly due to council planning regulations.</p> <p>We may contact the local press about the problems, which is widespread throughout kintore, and isn't restricted to particular areas. This will hopefully raise public awareness, and encourage irresponsible dog owners to tidy up their act. The issue will also be raised with the Kintore Community Council.</p>	
7.	<p>Donations Many more donations have been made since the distribution of the Christmas Newsletter, which was very well received. The committee greatly appreciate all the donations/subscriptions received to date, and will help us cover postage charges, fees for the public hall and set-up the website. Please keep them coming in.</p> <p>Residents can send donations/subscriptions (£1/year) by cheque or cash to either the secretary (John Stewart, 10 McFadden Park) or the Treasurer (Tony Harvey, 1 Hall forest Avenue).</p> <p>Once we have on-line banking set-up, we will be able to accept donations/subscriptions by bank transfer or "Paypal".</p>	
8.	<p>Social Events & Fund Raising We now have a date for our next social event. We are organising a Quiz Night to be held at the Torryburn Hotel on the evening of Friday 31st March. Tickets will be on sale shortly, and the event will be open to everyone. A percentage of the ticket sales will be used to create a prize fund, but if anyone (or their employers) could donate some prizes it would be very much appreciated. We hope this event will be a great success.</p> <p>We are also planning a Spring Ball, with a provisional date of Friday 5th May. This will be run in conjunction with a few other local organisations</p>	

	as a joint event. Full details will be announced in our next newsletter, due out toward the end of march.	
9.	Historical Kintore GS has been doing lots of research into the history of Kintore, and found out many useful points. These will be summarised and put onto the website. The community council website (www.kintore.org.uk) also has lots of interesting historical articles and and photographs.	
10.	General Meeting It has been some 6 months now since the Residents Association was formed. A lot has been achieved in these few months, and the committee feel that the time is right to hold a General Meeting to bring all residents up to date on our progress, introduce the committee members, what our hopes and aims for the future are, and also to approve the minor changes to the constitution. This would be a short meeting. The proposed date of Friday 24 th March from 7pm to about 7:30pm at the public hall (date and venue to be confirmed), with drinks afterwards in either the Kintore Arms or the Torryburn. We need at least 25 members in attendance to approve the constitution changes so we really need you to attend. We've got enough committee members to look after things just now, so don't worry about being press ganged into helping out if you turn up!	
11.	Kintore Summer Festival GM said that it was proving difficult to find suitable land to hold a fun fair on, but will continue. Possibility of running just a few smaller attractions if land/space can't be found. JS will be looking to arrange a sports car show for the Kintore Summer Festival. As well as being able to view the cars, the drivers would also be willing to take people out for short passenger runs if they make a suitable donation to charity. One possible charity mentioned was Northsound Radio's Cash for Kids charity. KSF are looking for a talent show scheduler/organiser. All that is needed is someone with a few hours spare in the days before the event (3 rd June), to plan the appearance times of various talent acts from within the village, and to keep them informed of when they will be on stage etc. Don't worry – the compere's job has already been taken so you won't need to do any public speaking. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated, and several people might like to work s a team! The Residents Association will have at least one or two stalls at the festival, with various attractions. Suggestions for stalls, and things to sell (eg homebakes, home crafts etc) would be very much appreciated.	
12.	AOB Kinore Library. GS mentioned that the friendly staff in the local library who are moving to the new school building would appreciate publicity of their services and opening hours, and would return the favour by advertising any of our local events. This will be done both on our website and newsletters.	
13.	Next Meeting The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday 27 th February at 7:30pm at the Torryburn Hotel in Kintore.	
14.	Close of Meeting JS thanked everyone for attending the meeting, which ended at 9pm.	