

- 1. Date and Location** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006 @ 7:30pm - Torryburn Hotel,
- 2. Committee Present** Graham McDonald, John Stewart, Gordon Cowe, Dougal Slater, Ian Thomas, Craig Kennedy, Tony Harvey, Alex McPherson
- 3. Apologies** Karen Will, Gary Scott, Richard Henderson, Ava Sainsbury, Karen Duguid
- 4. Invited Guests** Alison McDonald (member)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Action</i>
1.	<p><b>Introduction</b> GM welcomed everyone to the committee meeting and outlined the agenda for the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February were reviewed, accepted and approved.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Website</b> GM reported that the website is up and running at <a href="http://www.hallforest.co.uk">www.hallforest.co.uk</a> but the index page has been replaced with a notice page stating that the website is under test.</p> <p>GM also reported that to protect the interests of both the Association and children who may visit the website, the association should implement its children protection policy before the website is made public. GM had previously emailed the Child Protection Policy to all committee members for review.</p> <p>An in depth discussion regarding the Child Protection Policy, and whether we actually need one at all was held, with no clear outcome. A decision was taken to give the committee members more time to read and understand the Child Protection Policy, whether we actually need one, and to provide feedback comments to the <a href="mailto:committee@hallforest.co.uk">committee@hallforest.co.uk</a> email address.</p> <p>A special meeting to discuss only the Child Protection Policy was arranged for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7:30pm.</p> <p>GM to answer any comments raised by the committee on the CPP in advance of the meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>GM</p>
3.	<p><b>Developers</b> JS and GM to write a letter to the developers regarding the legal ownership of the open areas, and investigate implications for residents' association adoption.</p>	JS/GM
4.	<p><b>LOCAL ISSUES</b> A quick discussion of the local issues was held. These will continue to be discussed at each meeting. Dog Fouling is still by far the issue that most residents are complaining about.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> CK outlined the requirements for setting up a Neighbourhood watch scheme. It was agreed that we should arrange a date in late May for a public meeting to set-up a neighbourhood watch scheme. This has many benefits for residents,</p>	

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	<p>including potential reductions on household insurance premiums. Other areas of Kintore which do not already have neighbourhood watch schemes are also invited to attend, so they can set-up similar schemes.</p> <p>A flyer will be created as part of the next newsletter to invite people to the neighbourhood watch scheme. JS to check availability.</p>	JS
5.	<p><b>DONATIONS</b> Donations are still being received since the distribution of the Christmas Newsletter. 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.</p>	
6.	<p><b>SOCIAL EVENTS &amp; FUND RAISING</b></p> <p><b>Quiz Night</b> Due to the unavailability of suitable premises, and lack of time to organise and publicise the event, the decision was taken to postpone this event for a few months.</p> <p><b>Spring Ball</b> It was agreed to postpone the idea for a Spring Ball this year. It is still planned to hold other events later in the year, including a New Year party.</p>	KD/IT
7.	<p><b>Kintore Summer Festival</b></p> <p>A discussion was held regarding the possibility of bringing a Fun Fair to Kintore as part of the summer festival. The Summer Festival committee cannot do this as their constitution prevents them from setting up non-arts related activities. The majority of work for this has already been done by GM, and if suitable land can be found, there would be minimal work required to proceed and zero financial risk, as the Fun Fair operators perform all the necessary planning, set-up, monitoring, security and clean-up work.</p> <p>Unanimous approval was given for the residents association to proceed with this activity.</p> <p>Volunteers will be required for our other stall at the event, which will be a human fruit machine, with donated bottles as prizes.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Focus</b> A discussion was held to determine if the widening range of issues being addressed by the residents association required lengthy meetings to be held on a frequent basis, and therefore reduced attendance.</p> <p>It was agreed that the regular meetings should focus on the main issues raised by residents and be held no more frequently than monthly, and that special meetings should be held for specific activities with a small group of committee members. This should greatly reduce the burden of attending frequent (and sometimes lengthy meetings).</p>	
9.	<p><b>General Meeting</b></p>	

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	The date for the next general meeting should be set to be the same as that for the neighbourhood watch scheme, but scheduled for later in the evening. This will save on fees for hiring the public hall. The general meeting will be kept short, with drinks to be held afterwards in a pub!	
10.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Tony informed the committee that he was getting married following his next offshore trip, and with the wedding and honeymoon, he would be unavailable to attend meetings for some time. He agreed to swap the Treasurer role for the vice-treasurer role with Dougal Slater, who now takes over as treasurer with immediate effect. Tony offered to pass on the cheque-book to Dougal so that JS could be paid for the hosting fees, which he paid with his own credit card. Post Meeting note: JS has now received the cheque book, and will pass onto DS.</p> <p>Ron Dickie informed the committee that following a work relocation, he would be unable to attend further meetings for the foreseeable future, and tendered his resignation from the committee.</p>	TH
11.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7:30pm at the Torryburn Hotel in Kintore. This is specifically to discuss the issues regarding a Child Protection Policy – no other matters will be discussed at this meeting.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Close Of Meeting</b></p> <p>GM thanked everyone for attending the meeting, which ended at 9:15pm.</p>	