

**Cockenzie West Tenants and Residents Group**  
**Annual General Meeting**

**Methodist Church, Cockenzie,  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7pm**



**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:**

Larry Tomlins (Chair) LT, Anne Donald (AD), Gillian Stewart (GS) and Jim Melvin. Sue Cairns Outreach Officer ELTRP (SC)

Members of the Public: Colin Herbert. (CH)

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

Larry Tomlins chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone present and introduced Sue Cairns.

Apologises: Colin Syme.

**2. Previous Minutes**

The minutes for the 30 July 2015 (Last AGM meeting) were proposed by AD and seconded by GS.

**3. Matters Arising.**

None.

**4. Treasurers Report.**

AD reported that from December 2015 to 2016 we received £325.00 grant from ELC. plus a further £100.00 grant from the Community Council for celebrating the Queen's Birthday. £50.00 was donated to the local pipe band and £90.00 was used for the "Garden competition" prizes. An "Armistice Day" wreath was purchased for £25.00. The biggest expenditure was for the rent of the church for our meetings.

The current bank balance is £157.35.

There was a discussion about the number of meetings necessary and it was decided that they would be organised to suit the situations that occur.

## 5. Annual Report and Future Projects.

LT reported on the works carried out to the area since the Group started in 2013.

The Play Park was upgraded and extended with monies received from ELC housing association and from the developers building the houses adjacent to Avenue Road at a total cost of £44,000.00.

Scottish Power and ELC agreed to cut the grass at the football field after Scottish Power refused to allow it to be upgraded for a sum of £6000.00 allocated from the Area Partnership.

Pavements have been repaired and kerbs lowered and the edges of the middle row in Whin Park were tarred to level the road and keep the kerb stones in place. Hawthorn Terrace pavement was repaired to fix dangerous cracks.

All the drains were repaired and flushed out.

Most pot holes have been tarred by ELC although some remain, but due to the lack of money these will not be repaired at present.

All the lamp posts were numbered for easy identification.

The 20's plenty trial period was introduced to our area and the speed of vehicles was measured over and only two vehicles went above the 20 mph.

SC commented that that Marshall Greenfields will be making 20's plenty permanent.

A 20's plenty "Steering group meeting" will be held in March. A representative from our committee would be welcome.

The Garden Competition had taken place in 2014 and 2016.

The "Fun Day" at the play park to celebrate the Queen's 90 birthday, though not well attended, had been enjoyed by all.

Some of the trees screening the Industrial site will removed or cut back.

GS reported how the Area Partnership had impacted on Cockenzie. Support had been given to installing lighting at the Memorial Gardens.

Help had been given to both C&PS in Bloom and Cockenzie House.

The broken wall in Hawthorn Terrace Lane has been put as a priority on the Area Partnership plan and money has been approved pending contractors submitting an acceptable tenders.

Looking ahead:

Improvements at Cockenzie Harbour include;

Tidy up and landscape the area between the harbour and Royal British Legion;

Install a railing at the end of the breakwater;

Paint railings and bollards;

Install navigation lights at harbour entrance;

Improve access to beach;

Tidy up West Links;

Remove broken sewage pipe;

Install toilets. JM suggested a toilet could be sited within the current Security Guard's office block at the Power Station adjacent to the harbour.

The feasibility of having a Beach Wheelchair for use at Seton Sands was being explored.

A new leaflet showing paths and walks has been designed and will be published in 2017.

## **6. Questions**

CH asked how we linked up with the Community Council and how close were we with the CRA.

LT explained that we contacted the Community Council on some situations also had informal contact with them through the Area Partnership.

SC said that we would send our AGM minutes to them.

LT explained that we had no formal contact with the CRA but indicated an interest and Shona Brash was mentioned as a contact.

## **7. Election of Committee**

Sue Cairns chaired the meeting so that the new Committee could be elected.

Chairperson: Larry Tomlins. Proposed by JM Seconded by AD

Vice Chairperson: Jim Melvin. Proposed by LT Seconded by GS

Treasurer: Anne Donald. Proposed by JM Seconded by LT

Secretary: Gillian Stewart. Proposed by LT Seconded by JM

Committee Members. Colin Herbert. Proposed by JM Seconded by LT

People not at the meeting were approached regarding joining the Committee.

Colin Syme: Proposed JM Seconded by GS

Sandy Thomson: Proposed LT Seconded by JM

Angus Wallace: Proposed LT Seconded GS

## **8. Free Raffle.**

Colin Herbert won the free raffle and the remaining prizes were kept for the next event.

## **9. Dates of Meetings.**

It was agreed the next meeting would take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> March in the same venue at 7pm.

## **10. Close and Thanks:**

LT thanked everyone for attending and brought the meeting to a close.