



Mains Estate Residents' Association

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**We invite you to attend our AGM in Clober Primary School
10th June 2009 at 7.30pm.
(Please enter from door at rear, off Hunter Road.)**

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

One of our Committee members has been part of the opposition team regarding the proposed Kilmardinny Development Plan. He has spent months along with members of the Milngavie Community Council and Bearsden North Community Council preparing a case. This is an issue which affects us all, from increased traffic, parking, schooling and the Sports Centre and Rail Halt. For those who buy the local paper you will see that the recent decision is very disappointing in that the Reporter has recommended that the development of the proposed 550 houses (approx) can go ahead.

In March this year we wrote to our three councillors asking them to liaise with the various agencies e.g. Connect Services, Dog & Litter Warden and The Community Support Officers regarding litter, dog fouling, clearance of leaves, gritting etc. As a result the Community Safety Department have confirmed that they will ensure that the area will be patrolled and they will issue fines should an offence occur. A recent article on this appeared in the Milngavie & Bearsden Herald. We would also urge residents to make their own representations to EDC should they have any issues regarding these problems. We therefore hope to see improvements next autumn and winter and hopefully sooner with regard to these problems.

There have been marked improvements in the area with regard to graffiti and we continue to monitor any incidents that may arise.

We have also written to the new Head Teacher, Mr S Black at Douglas Academy to highlight the litter problem surrounding the school ground. This area is also causing concern re illegal dumping and we have raised this issue with Mr John King of EDC's Fly tipping department and shall advise you of the outcome.

We continue to stress the importance of improvements to Hunter Road, particularly at the junction of Castlemains Road. Whilst EDC is going down the route of compulsory purchase progress is extremely slow.

Your Committee has also walked the Estate with the Litter & Dog Warden, Community Wardens and Community Safety Inspector to highlight areas of difficulty. **Dog fouling offenders will be fined.**

We have a representative on the Citizens Panel, Community Council and good relations with the local Ramblers Association and The Milngavie Boys Football Club. A donation to their funds was made as a thank you for the boys help during the clean up

We had good input into the building of the new Douglas Academy together with the proposed surrounding housing development .

We supported the Douglas Academy Team which represented East Dunbartonshire and the UK at the European Youth Parliament and made a donation towards their fundraising .

We assisted in gaining funding to upgrade the Mains Plantation Walkway development.

We liaise on a regular basis with Hacking & Paterson regarding various issues on landscaping and maintenance.

We were also successful in getting lighting installed in the park area.

We have attended various EDC forums on recycling, road repairs and fault reporting .

Your Committee continues to report illegal dumping and would urge residents to do likewise. We have carried out litter pick ups in the woodland areas etc. The recent litter pick up exercise carried out in the park was a great success and made such a difference.

We attended the meetings regarding the proposed planning application for parking at the Milngavie Reservoir which was rejected as a result of our involvement.

Our committee has also endeavoured, together with our Local Councillor, to get involved with First Bus regarding their proposals. However, as they are running the service as a profitable business the final decisions are down to them.

We hope you like living in a nice area like Mains Estate and perhaps would consider becoming more involved in our work to enhance the area.

Mains Park

Recently we organised consultations and events in the park with the aim of raising funds for improving and upgrading the park. We decided to start our fundraising by having a ceilidh and raffle, however due to a very poor response the event had to be cancelled. On 16 April 2009 we had a meeting with Councilor Amanda Stewart and Mark Grant the Sports and Development Officer with a view to improve the existing kick about area. Consequently there is a possibility that another site within the park may be used to allow the upgrade of the worn out grassed area.

[NEW MERA website.](#)

Sarah Longrigg has produced a great website for the association which will allow better communication with the committee and update the latest events. www.mera-milngavie.co.uk Email info@mera-milngavie.co.uk
This is a step closer to keeping you informed and giving you the chance to voice your concerns and make suggestions on fundraising etc.

This has been a frustrating year for the committee as we have worked hard and given up our own free time to help improve the amenities of the park. We need your support to push forward with all the improvements that were endorsed by you at the last AGM. We are all feeling very disappointed in the lack of support in raising funds as it is imperative that a percentage of the required amount must be achieved by us.

Subscriptions & Fundraising

The subscription for this year remains at £5.00 and should be forwarded to our treasurer, as detailed below. Our endeavour is to raise funds for our park project and to qualify for grant funding we require raising our own sums. We are therefore asking for a donation of £5.00 along with your normal subscription, making a total of £10.00, if possible. Any suggestions would be welcome regarding fundraising. We currently only receive subscriptions from approx. 20% of the households in the area and would ask that those who are not members to join us.

We hope to see members old and new at the AGM on 10 June 2009.

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**Subscriptions should be sent to the treasurer Elizabeth Gibson
10 Garvel Place, Milngavie, G62 7AB . Cheques should be
made payable to MERA. (**Before AGM if possible**)**

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