**MARYBURGH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes from**

**WEDNESDAY    26th August 2015**

**Maryburgh hall 7.30pm**

Present. Liz Sinclair, Tom Thomas, Jamie Dunsmore, Jenny MacLennan, Andrew Steel, Andrew Matheson, Cllr. Margaret Paterson,

Apologies Cllr Angela Maclean. Cllr Alister MacKinnon, Cllr Graham MacKenzie.

Matters arising; - TT reported on potholes. Other areas in front of mart exit and at Jnct below Conon chip shop to be replaced with a more suitable tar mix. Alan Hogg now in charge. Clarification sought from him re potholes and delay in repairs of notified issues.

Timeline for re-election of CC members and new members explained. Liz to print off minutes and nomination form for TT. Di Agnew will help with a flyer if we produce a template. Flyer to go on Maryburgh website too.

 Each current CC member to identify anybody who has expressed an interest in joining the cc.

 COUNCILLOR UPDATE

 School audit update expected before our next meeting.

Smiley faces and crash barriers to go on agenda for next meeting.

Community Empowerment bill. Moving forward communities can tender for council services. Andrew Matheson has previously offered to help with gritting but there is no money in the HC pot to pay for it at the moment.

 TT offered thanks to the Cllrs for their help in providing funds towards the pond area and peace garden from the ward discretionary fund.

Community Empowerment roadshow 22/9 530-830 at town Hall ding wall.

Andrew Matheson queried the Cllrs as to why it took a year to achieve PIP for the new housing scheme off Birch Drive. The response was simply the lack of officials. Trading standards were in some cases being used to fill the gaps. Under new Scottish Government rules there will be more delegated powers. AP Margaret P to speak to David Jones about delays. Re Housing at Birch drive, details may be found online.

No community police update. Need to re-establish contact to get at least a written report. AP Jenny.

Finance see attached sheet.

Correspondence

Letter received from Family Fund re help for families, and take a break Fund. Details [www.takeabreakscotland.org.uk](http://www.takeabreakscotland.org.uk). Poster to be placed in notice board.

 Gala report. Cheap and cheerful this year, the Gala day saw a very good turnout and approx. £4,500 was raised. Thanks as always go to the Amenities committee and their team for the amazing effort and time they put into organising this day. As the major fundraiser for the hall it represents the difference between running the hall or it closing.

MAC Report.

Lease now transferred as is the charity number. We are now in our second year of operation. Minor repairs to the hall have taken place and are ongoing. Lottery application submitted end of June and awaiting outcome of same.

Date of next meeting September 30th 2015 730 at MAC.