



Dear Neighbour

Welcome to the first issue of the new Kittoch Muir Owners Association Newsletter. This edition has been posted through all residents doors, but the intention is to move to an e-mailed newsletter, then ultimately become a website based resource for all residents interested in the future of our unique development.

Following the last AGM on 27th March 2011, a new KOA Committee was formed to take forward some previous Committee ideas & develop some new initiatives for the residents of the Kittoch Muir Estate.

11 residents from Castlehill Green, Minister's Park & Davie's Acre agreed to give up some of their spare time to serve on the Committee, so all parts of the Estate are represented. If you want to get involved, you can contact the committee via the details overleaf for more info.

There are a number of issues within the estate that are, we're sure, of interest to a lot of residents. The communal landscape maintenance works, the kids play areas, the resurrection of some social events throughout the year, to name but a few. The KOA exists to serve us all. We live in a pretty unique development, which brings it's own challenges, but if we want to further enhance & positively develop the character of our "wee village", then the KOA needs your support & encouragement.

Key to the success of the new KOA Committee, will be it's ability to engage & communicate with all residents within the estate. To this end, we have set up a web site www.kittochmuir.co.uk where updated newsletters & more information on initiatives and events within the estate will be posted. Alternatively, if you fill in your details below & return to the KOA Chair at the address overleaf, we can e-mail future updates to you.

Thanks, The KOA Committee

Social Events

Some of you may remember, or may have attended, or may even have helped organise, past social activities within the estate. There's been a bit of a lull lately, but the new KOA Committee is hoping to re-introduce some social activities in the future. These are family orientated events for residents that are interested, to get together. It's proposed to have all social events self funded, so these will be ticketed affairs, with proceeds going towards the associated running costs. Any surplus monies will be fed back into the KOA kitty to subsidise future events. That way, people who don't want to participate, don't end up unfairly subsidising the events for others. Suggestions for future events are quiz nights @ the Holiday Inn or maybe a golf tournament at PlaySport, a summer BBQ in the Green and a visit from Santa for the kids at Christmas. A list of proposed dates and details will be uploaded to the web site in due course. Let us know if you have any other ideas or can give up some time to help with some organising.

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One initiative we're looking to develop is an on-line technical resource for residents who are undertaking some home improvements. If you've ever thought.....where do i find replacement roof tiles...? Who manufacturers the external paint + what is the colour code..? Who made the windows..? That kind of thing. The idea is to also list reputable companies that can carry out work. It'll be a pretty fluid thing, with tips, hints & recommendations from residents added as it develops. If you have any information on the original build specification, let us know & we can add that in too. Hopefully it will be of use to every resident in the future who's thinking of updating, extending or just maintaining their house & is keen to keep the unique character & appearance of the estate broadly intact.

Competition

As a new Committee, we're looking for a new identity, so we're launching a competition to design the new KOA logo. The logo will feature on newsletters, the website & at events in the future. So if you or the kids have some untapped creative talent, get designing overleaf & who knows, your logo might take pride of place on the next newsletter...!!



Name: _____

Tel: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Design a Logo

Have a go at designing a new Kitch Muir Owners Association logo in the box below & drop it in to the Chair of our Committee, George Price, at 26 Minister's Park, by Friday 4th November. The Committee will pick a winner at their next meeting on 7th Nov, with the winning entry being unveiled in the next Newsletter & become the official logo for the KOA Committee plus win a £25.00 Argos Voucher, so you've got nothing to lose.....get designing!!

Committee Constitution

For those that are interested a full copy of the KOA Committee Constitution is available to view on the web site www.kitchmuir.co.uk

The Constitution formally records the purpose & remit of the KOA Committee & the procedures it must follow in relation to representing all the owners within the estate on matters of a financial or contractual basis.

Contact Details

Getting in touch with your KOA Committee;

w: www.kitchmuir.co.uk
e: info@kitchmuir.co.uk

Or via or Committee Chairman:

George Price @ 26 Minister's Park

Next AGM Date

Monday 6th February 2012 will be the date of the next KOA AGM. Venue & time TBC in due course, but we would encourage you want to come along so stick it in your diary now.

Kitch Muir News

what else is the committee getting up to behind the scenes..?

Hacking & Paterson (our Estate Factors) & McDermott Contract Services (our landscape contractors) met with the Committee on 20th June 2011 to discuss a number of issues including the following;

1. H&K's Management Fee & Level of Service
2. Play Area Inspections & Drainage/Surfacing Upgrade Plans
3. The Landscape Contractors Remit & Level of Service
4. Future rolling programme for re-planting: proposals, timescale & details
5. South Lanarkshire Council's remit for the maintenance of roads & street lighting within the estate

Following the meeting, 2 key issues; future replanting to common areas & upgrading works to Minister's Park play area paths, have been identified as priority. The surfacing to the paths & condition of edging requires immediate action given the associated Health & Safety risks. Also, it is felt by the committee that, with the estate starting to look a bit tired in areas, some expenditure out of the communal funds to refresh the communal planting throughout the estate, on a rolling programme, would be desirable.

Whilst currently there is no upper limit to the amount the KOA Committee is authorised to spend on behalf of the residents, for works in association with the improvement & maintenance of the estate, we have self imposed an upper limit of £2600 (roughly equivalent to 2 quarters worth of communal charges), with a further limit stipulating a minimum float equivalent to 1 quarters worth of charges (approx £1300) to be held in reserve. Quotes for resurfacing works to Minister's Park Play Park Path have been requested and obtained from 4 organisations, with the cheapest quote coming within the upper limit noted above. This work will therefore be instructed in the near future. Quotes for replanting works have been sought and obtained. The level of expenditure in this instance will exceed the upper limit & notification from Hacking & Paterson will follow regarding approval to undertake the works at the appropriate planting season.

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The Holiday Inn have kindly supported the KOA Committee over the last few months with meeting room space. If you would like to make use of their facilities, check out the web site at www.hieastkilbride.com