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Dear Friend,

AS an environmental protection group we continue to meet Scottish Water monthly under the auspices of the Milngavie Reservoir Liaison Group. The MRLG is two years young - something to celebrate - but we cannot hide our deep disappointment with the lack of investment by SW in maintaining the reservoirs. We try hard to push them but the feeling is akin to Sisyphus, who suffered the eternal punishment of forever rolling a boulder up a hill in the depths of Hades. FoMR has now prepared several Position Papers addressing concerns about maintenance of the Reservoirs infrastructure and these will be posted on the website over the coming months. In the meantime we will be publishing some pictures on our new Facebook page - entitled Gus's Grumbles - to flag up our concerns and perhaps motivate SW. For starters: a fun day out - visitor water hazard on Mugdock assault course.

The information in this quarter's newsletter will keep you up to date with issues that affect Milngavie Reservoir over the coming months as we head toward winter.

Pipeline work affecting Milngavie Reservoir and Drumclog Moor car park:

Scottish Water and their contractors continue to progress with the pipeline works. As we feared there has been a marked deterioration of paths around Mugdock reservoir in part due to the increased footfall as a result of the construction work. Drumclog car park remains closed but should reopen by mid-October. We have been assured that the car park will be improved by Scottish Water and its contractors before its reopening. We would again request reservoir visitors not to park within the reservoir complex during the Drumclog closure. Scottish Water have an arrangement with Nuffield Health for their car park to be used as alternative parking. Lets keep the reservoir car-free!

Lovers' Walk path to be improved:

FoMR has met Scottish Water and their contractors and agreed the remedial works needed to address recurring flooding problems that prevent walkers from using this path for much of the year. This work is be carried out in autumn and the path will be closed for a week.

FoMR Information Board is further delayed:

Scottish Water is about to apply for Listed Building Consent for its erection near the water fountain. We had hoped to be able to have this in place last year to help pass on information about the pipeline works but this has not been possible. Please get in touch with your suggestions for information you would like to see on display.

Green flag accreditation scheme update:

Scottish Water and FoMR are progressing with a number of projects to enable the community to have an input in improving this Victorian parkland. This includes developing volunteering opportunities and enabling community groups to engage in fund raising. Our first joint venture is to improve the old treatment plant site and we will be in touch to invite Friends to lend a helping hand. We are also going to remove redundant signage and replace it with information on what treasures are in store for our many visitors.

FoMR Website and Facebook page:

We are about to embark on refreshing our website and linking it with our Facebook page. Watch this space... We have lots of new ideas on how we can keep our Friends up to date. As always we are keen to get your ideas on what you want to see so do let us know.

Anti-social behaviour affecting Milngavie Reservoir

Again a plea to keep the reservoir as safe place for everyone to visit. So please:

* Report antisocial activities or any concerns to Police Scotland by calling 101 or in an emergency situation call 999.

* Report dog fouling issues and littering problems to East Dunbartonshire Council Community Safety Team on 0300 123 4510

* Report damage to structures, health and safety concerns and breaches of Milngavie Reservoir Byelaws to Scottish Water Customer Services on: 0800 0778778 (24 hour number)

As always please get in touch with FoMR should you have any comments or pictures you wish to share with us. We want to hear from you. Any help with finance or fundraising ideas most welcome.

Best wishes, FoMR Committee

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