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## FRIENDS OF MILNGAVIE RESERVOIR NEWSLETTER: WINTER 2019

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

### FoMR Committee sad news

FoMR Committee member Gus Pattison sadly passed away at home in October and we should like to pay tribute to the role Gus played since joining the Group.

Although Gus was a relative latecomer to FoMR committee, he knew every inch of the Reservoir as he lived on its doorstep and used it every day.

When we say every inch we mean every path, every tree, every brick and every element of what constitutes the beautiful Milngavie Reservoir. Gus loved the place and it was not long before it was obvious that he was going to be a huge asset to the Friends.

His background in dealing with the Public Sector combined with his detailed knowledge of the Reservoir certainly kept Scottish Water on their toes!

Gus's contribution to the Friends progress cannot be quantified. It was immense in every aspect, whether it was keeping an eye on the quality of work being undertaken by contractors to ensuring the accuracy of proposed specifications of repairs to buildings. Gus also managed to build up relationships with Scottish Water employees who had responsibility for all this work.

This can only be best described by the words of Archie Macgregor, Senior Manager at Scottish Water:

*'When Gus and I first came into contact it could safely be said that things were at a bit of an all-time low in terms of issues at Milngavie and I won't pretend that we didn't have some very difficult conversations and exchanges. While there is still much to be done I have to say that I felt in recent months that between us there had developed an openness and a sense of trust that we would be honest with each other – as well as a recognition that we were on the same side and striving for the same things. I came to regard him as a friend with a mischievous and warm sense of humour.*

*I shall miss him terribly too and am very upset at this news.'*

We want to echo these words and we will truly miss Gus's contributions, his knowledge, his tireless work, attention to detail, his discipline but above all his huge sense of humour.

### Our AGM

A date for your diary: Waitrose Community Room: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 6.30pm.

Please come along to our AGM and learn more about our voluntary organisation. Let us know if you would like to play a more active role – perhaps as a Committee member if you have specific expertise in shaping the future of MR – all welcome.

## **Pipeline work affecting MR and Drumclog car park**

During this work there has been a deterioration of the paths at stretches of the Mugdock and Craigmaddie reservoirs. It is hoped SW will ensure improvements are carried out by their appointed contractors before sign-off of this investment project.

Drumclog car park is still closed but SW has now confirmed it will open again for use on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. It will rest with SW appointed contractors to carry out the improvements they agreed in advance of the contract for the project.

Once again please continue to keep MR car free to allow the area to remain safe for all abilities, all ages and of course our four legged friends! The car spaces are reserved for people with a blue badge and Scottish Water personnel.

## **Antisocial behaviour issues**

FoMR has been contacted about increasing problems of dogs not adequately under control of their owners and also instances where owners are not picking up poo and disposing of it in the bins provided around the reservoir.

Please report any instances to East Dunbartonshire Council's (EDC) Community Safety Team on 0300-123- 4510 or complete a EDC dog fouling form using this link: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/environmental-health-residents/dog-fouling#overlay=webform/dog-fouling-report>

EDC Community Safety Team will carry out an investigation on your behalf. EDC Community Safety Team can issue fixed penalty notices for instances of dog fouling. Also, EDC Community Safety team can issue warnings and enforcement notices for 'out of control' dogs that are considered to be causing alarm or apprehension for the safety of a person or dog in a public place.

Please report any damage to buildings or breaches of MR Byelaws to SW Customer Services on 0800 0778778 (24 hours).

And so finally ... FoMR Notice board..and will it arrive on Santa's sleigh?....

The FoMR notice board that will be sited at the fountain area within MR is now on order. We are hopeful that Santa and his helpers can help to deliver this before Christmas but appreciate he has lots of work to complete.

FoMR is keen to provide some photographs and maps of MR with some details of walking routes and things to see.

We would love to receive any suggestions on what you think would be useful information for the noticeboard for newcomers and regular visitors.

Please send all your thoughts to [info@fomr.uk](mailto:info@fomr.uk)

