Grounds maintenance report.

Andrew O'Malley continued as our main contractor, responsible for grass cutting and strimming. The ride on mower was used when possible and gives much better results. It picks up cuttings and the increased capacity and easier access of our newly constructed garden waste bay made for easier disposal.

The cutting season has been extended by two months to include all of November and restarts in February, subject to suitable weather conditions.

Moss was cleared from the pathway across the front of numbers 21 to 25 and it will be sprayed at regular intervals to reduce moss and weeds.

Kevan Boyce was detailed to build the new garden waste bay and dismantle the old cages which were in constant need of repair and wasting our funds. The tractor can access the newly located bay easier with less impact on the grass and shrubs. Kevan does this whenever needed.
****as with the cages only garden waste to be placed in the bay, no pots, plastics, polystyrene or DIY waste****

Kevan continues to maintain the communal beds April to October. Some topping up of the stones will be needed as settlement has occurred.

The long established Kilmarnock Willow in the first communal bed seems to have become uprooted by winter winds and isn't showing much sign of life. It may recover but if not a suitable replacement will be sought.

The lamp posts were repainted, glass cleaned and fittings inspected last summer. They should last quite a few more years.

A 'PRIVATE' sign was placed on the wall of the company garage at the entrance in an effort to discourage non residents and their guests coming on site, parking in the grass near the shore and going for walks.

A new 10mph speed limit sign replaced the old one on a lamp post near the entrance however it is apparent that this is being regularly ignored by several residents. Please respect the limit in the interests of safety and reduction of disturbance.

The wall alongside the driveway and number 1 fell down during the winter. Graham Partridge promptly rebuilt it at a very reasonable cost which was shared between the owners of number 1 and IOWLL. Graham also did repairs to the wall at the entrance which was showing signs of collapse.

The company garage at the entrance was re roofed by Craig Ronnie as rain was getting in at the back, being blown in under the corrugated roofing which compromised the bolts securing the concrete wall panels. The new roof is a solid fibre glass type material and all proper fascias, guttering and downspouts have been installed.

During winter storms and winds unsecured wheelie bins were blown over on several occasions resulting in unpleasant debris being scattered. This was cleared up by volunteers but not before some had got tangled up in the dense vegetation on the shore and was inaccessible. Please ensure that bins are secured and emptied regularly.

In the main our site has been maintained well and retains its attractive, peaceful ambience for our enjoyment and that of guests and visitors. Thank you to the majority who maintain their properties and gardens in good order.

Kathryn Norgate.