

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 30 April 2012 at 42 Blacket Place

Apologies : Patricia Alston(PA); Richard Seligman(RS); Jennifer Johnston-Watt (JJW) & Ian Lewis(IL).

Present : *Cháir* - Ray Footman(RF); Bob Cupples(BC); Hazel Fletcher(HF); Alison Mowat(AM);
Karin Froebel Overton (KFO); Alex Stobart(AS) & Hugh Mackay(HMac).

MINUTES : The minutes of the meeting of 6 March 2012 were approved.

ACTIONS from Previous Meetings:

16Jan12(a) : *RF re Vice-Chair candidates* – carried forward

16Jan12(b) : *HF re AGM facilities* – AM suggested having more social interaction rather than speaker e.g. wine tasting – also use labels to identify participants – HF to discuss with Earthy.

16Jan12(c) : *All re AGM speakers* – carried forward

16Jan12(d) : *PA re Map Library speaker* – carried forward

16Jan12(e) : *BC re zoned parking, road adoption & dilapidations process* – eMAIL from Derek Roden indicated that road will not be adopted until after 12 month maintenance period. Zoned parking will require a TRO to be in place. Only other outstanding dilapidation is repainting of road markings on existing roads. BC will raise Zoned Parking with Lynn Russell, Development Control.

16Jan12(f) : *BC re S1 co-ordination of repairs, liaison with IC re gatepiers & production of draft letter* – AON still waiting for insurance company to agree. BC will chase.

16Jan12(g) : *RF re Council insurance policy* – See Other Business. **CLOSED.**

16Jan12(h) : *KFO re progress of website update facility.* – carried forward.

16Jan12(i) : *All re NW candidates for Mayfield Terrace/Alfred Place.* – AM has meetings planned.

16Jan12(j) : *HMac re Thrums & shrubbery upgrade proposal* – See New Planning : **CLOSED.**

16Jan12(l) : *RF to check at GPCC if 20MPH limits are legally enforceable* – Limits are mandatory – “vigilante” devices installed to monitor speeds. Council is tightening up enforcement, particularly for bus lanes. **CLOSED.**

6Mar12(a) : *Joint Associations meeting* – RS subsequently supplied report on Joint Meeting which has been forwarded to committee members. **CLOSED.**

6Mar12(b) : *Minto Street traffic light phasing* – See Traffic & Parking. **CLOSED.**

6Mar12(c) : *Open Gardens/Jubilee Party* – HF & AS to form representative committee & report progress. **CLOSED.**

6Mar12(d) : *Snow shovels* – BC to liaise with KFO.

6Mar12(e) : *“Good neighbours” with Belleville Lodge* – ALL to consider possible actions.

NEW COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS : To be kept under review - **action 16Jan12(a)**.

AGM : Held in abeyance until later in the year - **actions 16Jan12(b); 16Jan12(c) & 16Jan12(d)**.

PLANNING : ALFRED PLACE DEVELOPMENT : Road adoption & zoned parking implications - **Action 16Jan12(e)**

GATEPIERS & OTHER DILAPIDATIONS : **Actions 16Jan12(e) & 16Jan12(f)**.

NEW PLANNING MATTERS : 4 Blacket Place : RS responded after meeting – no major issues with proposed application.

Solar panels & satellite dishes : In principle, these are allowable subject to planning restrictions regarding not being visible from road at front of property – must be discreet.

Thrums Hotel : HMac reported that the Working Party had been unable to get any progress with the replacement of the fence and the reinstatement of the wall through informal negotiation with the owner. Not only is this very unsightly and unsatisfactory given that this occurred in November 2011, the wall is actually in a dangerous condition with regard to animals or children. BC to raise with Planning as formal issue. **New Action 30Apr12(a) – BC to raise possible planning breach.**

GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC) : Next meeting in May.

OTHER CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS : Nothing to report.

WEBSITE : KFO to seek external help regarding **action 16Jan12(h)**.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH : AM attended the Southside/Newington NW meeting which will be useful forum for raising issues. New representative meetings to be held - **action 6Jan12(i)**.

BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY : HMac reported the snowdrops, crocosmias and vincas had all been planted as well as the continuation of general tidying. Particular praise from Anne Sturrock regarding work done in Mayfield Terrace.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING : Rationale behind Minto Street/Mayfield Gardens traffic light sequencing is to minimise accidents at this junction. It requires vehicles turning west into West Mayfield from Minto Street or east into East Mayfield from Mayfield Gardens to wait until traffic has physically halted before making their manoeuvre. This allows only one or two vehicles to make the turns at busy times but this is secondary to the risks inherent in turning vehicles anticipating the light changes.

OPEN GARDENS/JUBILEE STREET PARTY : Approval to go ahead with Jubilee party following significant (and admired) progress as reported by HF & AS, including outline budget – see HF report below. Also Honoured Guest invitations for Sandy & Ian Carter and John the Postie & partner.

New Action 30Apr12(b) : HF & AS to manage Jubilee Party implementation.

OTHER BUSINESS : HMac felt that suitable priced insurance cover for Association should be available. ***New Action 30Apr12(c) : HMac to investigate suitable policy.***

Snow shovels - ***Action 6Mar12(d) : BC & KFO : carried forward.***

Good Neighbours with Belleville Lodge - ***Action 6Mar12(e) : ALL : carried forward.***

FUTURE MEETINGS : Meetings were arranged for 25/6/12 (**host : RS**) and 10/9/12 (**host : ?**).

Street Party Status - 29th March 2012

Street Closure – Ian Chisholm has submitted the form for closing Alfred Place. No additional information requested as yet. There is no cost for this.

Entertainment Licence – Ian Chisholm reports that assuming we are careful in our choice of words on the ticket i.e. entry by donation to the Blacket Association, we will not require a £100 licence.

Liquor Licence – Ian Chisholm has had some discussion with the Council and we appear not to require an ‘occasional liquor licence’.

Ceilidh Band – Fiona Macintosh has booked Bella MacNab (at a cost of £400) to perform 2.30 to 3.30, and again from 4.30 to 5.30. Discussions on exactly where they will set up are in hand, and shelter should they require it has been arranged.

Street Reps – We have at least one person per street to sell tickets and be the point of contact for residents.

Ticket production – A draft is in preparation along with a sheet of guidance notes (this will include the Council Food Preparation Guidelines). The guidance sheet will be circulated to the committee for comment before printing. We aim to have the tickets ready for distribution mid April (in the hope that we have more accurate numbers of those attending by the beginning of May – and some money!).

Ticket price – We propose the ‘suggested donation’ is £7.50 for adults. Under 16’s would be free. Assuming 100 adults this would bring us £750, plus the £500 from the Blacket Association brings the available funds to £1250.

Entertainment for children – Victoria Gilmour has taken charge of this and is currently working to a £120 budget. She has rejected a Bouncy Castle, and is looking into other options should additional funding become available.

Entertainment for adults – Simon White is putting together a quiz.

Dress – residents will be encouraged to wear hats (ideally created by them) with possible prizes.

Bunting – to be rented/borrowed from the Council at a cost of £10 for 200 metres.

Plates/cups/napkins – costs of purchasing these items from Costco have been obtained (current estimate £40).

Hire of tables and chairs – enough tables and benches have been ordered to seat 100 people at a cost of £155. Additional tables will be required.

First Aid – we have one doctor on the first aid team currently and hope to add more.

Stewarding – Ian Chisholm is responsible for arranging stewarding on the day and is looking for volunteers.

Drinks – tables for drinks will be set up in the paved area in the garden of one of the residents (Fiona Macintosh). Costs have been obtained for the purchase of fruit juices. A donation of a case of prosecco has been received. Costs for additional alcohol (prosecco and Pimms) are being obtained. Hugh Mackay is responsible for arranging people to dispense drinks on the day.

Tea – we are investigating tea making facilities, and have costs for teabags and cups. Decision to be made once all the information is available.

Setting up on the 3rd – Alex Stobart will coordinate setting up Alfred Place on the 3rd and is looking for volunteers.

Ice cream seller – we have approached an ice-cream supplier to sell ice cream between 4.30 and 5pm, but have not heard back from them.

Piper – David Stephenson is happy to pipe for us assuming that he has fully recovered from recent surgery.

Loos – Residents of Alfred Place have been approached to make available toilet facilities.

Photographer – one individual approached but not finalised yet.

Food – communal food to be provided for. We propose that :

- South Blacket Place bring sandwiches,
- North Blacket Place bring other savoury items,
- Dryden Place bring scones or fruitcakes,
- Mayfield Terrace bring cakes and tray bakes,
- South Alfred Place bring strawberries,
- North Alfred Place brings food specifically aimed at children.

Hazel Fletcher
29/3/2012