

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 5 May 2015 at 11 Dryden Place

Present : *Chair* - Hazel Fletcher (HF); Richard Seligman (RS);
Ian Chisholm (IC); Johnny Kruuk (JK); Fiona Courtney(FC);

Apologies : Hugh Mackay (HMac); Sheila McLeish (SMcL);
Richard Scothorne (RSA); Becky Colegrave (BC)

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 23 March 2015 were approved subject to BC additions.

2.COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Communications Coordinator – Pauline Platt potential candidate identified, to be invited onto committee with view to nomination at AGM.

Action: May 15.01: P Platt to be invited onto committee.

Succession planning – IC, SMcL, BC to be put forward for reelection at the AGM for a 3 year term. Agreed that committee should encourage new members with a view to succession planning.

3.OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Mainly cleared, see Closed Actions schedule at end of Minutes.

4.PLANNING

Consultation on Student Housing – The Committee noted RSA's response to CEC consultation on student housing and thanked him for his excellent work.

Applications – University of Edinburgh has lodged applications in respect of the change of use of villas at 79 & 81 Dalkeith Road from Nursery to premises for the Confucius Center. Noted that changes are mainly internal and no reason to object.

5.TRAFFIC & PARKING

Efficacy of 20mph limit discussed. Noted that police not focused on enforcement and will generally warn at speeds of 20-30mph, but retain right to ticket speeding.

East & West Mayfield – temporary road closures for resurfacing & utilities noted. Concern this will drive traffic through Mayfield Terrace as a "rat run".

Action May15.02: HD to raise at next community Council meeting.

6.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

See points above re 20 mph limit.

7.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

HMCK's Report on the Home Security Seminar at Mayfield Church on 29 April was noted. Key points will be incorporated in the Newsletter.

8. BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY

More activity as the weather improves. New plants purchased. Hellebores & Bluebells planted in the Avenue, weeding & clearing the area by the Nursery by Minto st.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

Noted that Funds have increased by £224, being £225 from card sales, £115 surplus from Cheese & Wine event and £116 gardening expenses.

10. NEW RESIDENTS

Noted a number of properties have been sold.

Action May15.03: contact new residents re Blacket Association (S McL)

11. SOCIAL EVENTS:

Cheese & Wine – Event very successful. Generated a surplus of £115, wine not used will be used for Open Gardens.

Open Gardens 19th June – Detailed arrangements discussed. 3 gardens agreed to open. Agreed gazebo to be put up on 18th June; potential stall to sell cards only.

Action May15.04: investigate potential for providing beer (FC)

Action May15.05: Stewarding lists (HD)

12. WEBSITE

New website now on line & largely complete. JK thanked for his efforts. Noted that the text and format needs to be reviewed and made more “user friendly” where practical; noted as Action points.

Action May15.06: Website – Send JK 2014 AGM report & Minutes (FC)

Action May15.07: Website – review Neighbourhood Watch Section (IC)

Action May15.08: Website – Bertram Zank's paper on railings to be added (JK)

Action May15.09: Website – Planning section to be reviewed (JK,RS,RSA)

Action May15.10: Website – Home page reviewed to reduce text & increase impact (HD).

13. NEWSLETTER

Draft reviewed & discussed. Agreed to distribute hard copy to all households in Blacket, and email copies to any members outwith Blacket area.

Action May15.11: Newsletter - reference new website in Newsletter (IC)

Action May15.12: Newsletter – Header to be matched to website (JK/IC)

Action May15.13: Newsletter – Printing & distribution to be organised for midMay (IC)

14. AOB

AGM: Parkside Bowling Club agreed as potential location, with possibility of postAGM speaker.

Action May15.14: AGM – Approach Parkside Bowling Club re dates & cost (HD)

Action May15.15: AGM – Identify possible postAGM speakers (ALL)

Blacket Railings: Bertram Zank's paper on the history of Blacket railings was noted and the Committee expressed its appreciation for his contribution.

Action May15.16: Chair to thank Mr Zank for his contribution.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Open Gardens: 19 June 2015

Committee: 7 September 2015 – Venue 52 Blacket Place

Committee: 27 October 2015

AGM: Monday 23 November (TBC)

SUMMARY of CLOSED ACTIONS

REF	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
Jan15.02	<i>Potential candidates for Communications Coordinator to be approached</i>	ALL
Jan15.03	<i>List of AGM attendees to be reviewed to ensure all are on membership list & subscription list.</i>	SMcL/Bec
Jan15.04	<i>Quote from window cleaner to clean lights.</i>	Bec
Jan15.05	<i>Guidance on woodburning stoves & prepare guidance</i>	FC
Jan15.07	<i>Suggest links to other Associations websites</i>	JC/HD
Jan15.08	<i>JK to circulate draft & specify input required from committee members & members to supply/review.</i>	JK/ALL
Jan15.09	<i>Cheese & Wine evening organisation</i>	HD/ALL
Jan15.11	<i>Follow up Blacket Ave resident road issue</i>	HD
Mar15.01	<i>Check who needs to be reappointed at AGM</i>	HD
Mar15.02	<i>Collate views on student housing and draft response</i>	RSA
Mar15.04	<i>New plants to be purchased.</i>	HMCK
Mar15.05	<i>Identify potential gardens with willing owners</i>	All
Mar15.07	<i>Contributions for Newsletter to IC</i>	All
Mar15.08	<i>Newsletter produced & circulated</i>	IC

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

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Jan15.06	<i>Invite West Blacket to send rep to AGM</i>	HD
Mar15.03	<i>Follow up reasons why CSG has not met</i>	IC
Mar15.06	<i>Discussion of SO/DD forms c/f to next meeting</i>	
May 15.01	<i>P Platt to be invited onto committee.</i>	HD
May15.02	<i>Mayfield Road closure & traffic impact :to raise at next community Council meeting.</i>	HD
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May15.16	Chair to thank Mr Zank for Blacket Railings paper.	HD