

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 7 September 2015 at 52 Blacket Place

Present : Hazel Dunn (HD); Richard Seligman (RS);
Ian Chisholm (IC); Johnny Kruuk (JK); Fiona Courtney(FC);
Hugh Mackay (HMac); Sheila McLeish (SMcL);
Becky Colegrave (BC).

Apologies : Richard Scothorne (RSA);

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 5 May 2015 were approved.

2.COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Communications Coordinator – Pauline Platt has agreed to join the Committee.

Action: Sep 15.01: P Platt to be nominated at AGM.

Membership Coordinator – Suggestions put forward.

Action: Sep15.02: FC to approach potential candidate.

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

Applications – 23 Minto Street – Flat roofed extension. Listed building -concern garden wall has been breached without permission.

5.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

HD reported on may & June meetings. Doors Open day at Newington Cemetery to be publicised.

6.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Breakin in Blacket Place noted. Usual warnings will be in Newsletter. NW Coordinators group stable.

7.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY

Lots of activity over the summer with routine maintenance and planting new bulbs. Ian McLeish, Ian Carter & Hugh Mackay were thanked for their efforts. Fencing repaired at Association cost of £320. Sue Ross-Stewart has donated bluebell bulbs. Narcissi bulbs have been ordered; new type may be better suited to survive the conditions.

Action: Sep15.03: Request for residents to do routine maintenance to be included in Newsletter.

8.TREASURER'S REPORT

Open Gardens – Surplus of £205 (utilising 15 bottles of wine left over from Wine & Cheese event), more than 2014. This was without sales of plants which raised £100 in 2014.

Noted £50 donation from Belleville Lodge open day.

Agreed to provide an example of the Blackadder & Gatepost card to each household. Cost estimated at approx. £35.

Action Sep15.04: Include cards with Newsletter.

Action Sep15.05: Check membership list with standing order list.

9.SOCIAL EVENTS:

Open Gardens 19th June – Agreed to be successful – attendance around 100 including several new residents.

Trip to Jupiter Artland – mentioned in Newsletter, only one person expressed interest.

AGM – Agreed date 23rd November at Parkside Bowling Club. Speaker not required.

Action Sep15.06: Finalise hire & bar arrangements with Parkside (HD)

10.WEBSITE

Discussion of new website further improvements; noted as Action points.

Agreed should have website address on all Association correspondence.

13. NEWSLETTER

Content for next Newsletter agreed. To be finalised at 27th October meeting for circulation thereafter..

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

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

14. AOB

None.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday 27 October 2015 7.30pm 32 Blacket Place

AGM: Monday 23 November Parkside Bowling Club

Committee: 11 January 2016 7pm Venue TBA

SUMMARY of CLOSED ACTIONS

REF	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
Jan15.02	Potential candidates for Communications Coordinator to be approached	ALL
Jan15.03	List of AGM attendees to be reviewed to ensure all are on membership list & subscription list.	SMcL/Bec
Jan15.04	Quote from window cleaner to clean lights.	Bec
Jan15.05	Guidance on woodburning stoves & prepare guidance	FC
Jan15.07	Suggest links to other Associations websites	JC/HD
Jan15.08	JK to circulate draft & specify input required from committee members & members to supply/review.	JK/ALL
Jan15.09	Cheese & Wine evening organisation	HD/ALL
Jan15.11	Follow up Blacket Ave resident road issue	HD
Mar15.01	Check who needs to be reappointed at AGM	HD
Mar15.02	Collate views on student housing and draft response	RSA
Mar15.04	New plants to be purchased.	HMCK
Mar15.05	Identify potential gardens with willing owners	All
Mar15.07	Contributions for Newsletter to IC	All
Mar15.08	Newsletter produced & circulated	IC
Mar15.03	Follow up reasons why CSG has not met	IC
Mar15.06	Discussion of SO/DD forms c/f to next meeting	All
May 15.01	P Platt to be invited onto committee.	HD
May15.02	Mayfield Road closure & traffic impact :to raise at next community Council meeting.	HD
May15.03	Contact new residents re Blacket Association	S McL
May15.04	Open gardens :Investigate potential for providing beer	FC
May15.05	Open Gardens: Gazebo, Stewarding lists	HD
May15.07	Website – review Neighbourhood Watch Section	IC
May15.08	Website - Bertram Zank's paper on railings to be added	JK
May15.13	Printing & distribution to be organised for midMay	IC
May15.14	AGM – Approach Parkside Bowling Club re dates & cost	HD
May15.16	Chair to thank Mr Zank for Blacket Railings paper.	HD
May15.15	AGM – Identify possible postAGM speakers	ALL

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

REF	ACTION	RESP
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Jan15.06	Invite West Blacket to send rep to AGM	HD
May15.06	Website – Send JK 2014 AGM report & Minutes	FC
May15.09	Website – Planning section to be reviewed	RSA,RS,JK
May15.10	Website – Home page reviewed to reduce text & increase impact	HD
May15.11	Newsletter - reference new website in Newsletter	IC
May15.12	Newsletter – Header to be matched to website	JK/IC
May15.14	AGM – Approach Parkside Bowling Club re dates & cost	HD
Sep15.01	P Platt to be nominated at AGM	
Sep15.02	Membership coordinator – FC to approach candidate	FC
Sep12.03	Request for residents to carry out routine maintenance to be included in the newsletter	IC
Sep15.04	Include cards with Newsletter	SMcL/IC
Sep15.05	Check SO list to membership list	BC
Sep15.06	Finalise hire & bar arrangements with Parkside	HD
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