

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 27 October 2015 at 32 Blacket Place

Present : Hazel Dunn (HD); Richard Seligman (RS);
Ian Chisholm (IC); Johnny Kruuk (JK); Fiona Courtney(FC);
Hugh Mackay (HMck); Richard Scothorne (RSc);
Becky Colegrave (BC); Pauline Platt (PP).

Apologies : Sheila McLeish (SMcL); Arlene Doherty (AD).

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 7 September 2015 were approved.

2.COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Pauline Platt and Arlene Doherty have joined the Committee as Communications Coordinator and New Members coordinator respectively. There are vacancies for two further members on the committee:

Action Oct15.01: Request for volunteers for Committee to be made at AGM.

3.OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

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

4.PLANNING

Local matters: 23 Minto Street – Garden wall rebuilt. Minto Hotel – no response to emails after previous contact, and no application made to date.

West Blacket/Causewayside: 28 small flats proposed for Duncan Street garage. Discussion of this and other potential developments in the area including student flats. Concerns around density, loss of commercial facilities, parking displacement and lack of overall plan for the area.

Action Oct15.02: PP to set up automatic forwarding of weekly planning list.

Action Oct15.03: HMck to contact Minto Hotel architect.

Action Oct 15.04: Duncan Street: Coordinate with West Blacket on grounds for objection.

5.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

HD reported on latest meetings. Key points:

-Bus lanes to be trialled as rush hours only, in most cases; for 9 months from October.

-20mph speed limit to be enforced

-Police budgets being reduced

-Independent review of planning commissioned for Scottish Government; may recommend changes to processes –

Action Oct15.05:Independent planning review - RSc to monitor

6.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Police involvement now minimal. Incidents & usual warnings will be in Newsletter.

7.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY

2000 bulbs planted, including 200 narcissi of type selected for shady conditions. Pruning and normal maintenance underway. No specific spend planned.

8.TREASURER'S REPORT

Recent items: £320 spend on shrubbery fence repairs, £115 income from card sales. £2100 in bank account. Full account will be in report for AGM.

Noted that of 184 households on membership list, only 78 have standing orders.

9.NEW RESIDENTS

Action Oct15.06: New residents 2nd floor flat 40 Blacket Place to be invited to join

10.SOCIAL EVENTS:

AGM – 23 Nov at Parkside Bowling Club, 7.45. Arrangements finalised. Committee members to arrive by 7 to set up.

Action point Oct15.07: AGM tasks

10.WEBSITE

Discussion of new website further improvements. PP noted would be helpful to upgrade site to be mobile friendly, agreed this should be looked at in due course. New email address to be established for PP and all correspondence blacket.association@gmail.com. Agreed should have website address on all Association correspondence.

Action point Oct15.08: Website contact list to be checked BC/JK

Action point Oct15.09: New email address to be set up (PP)

13. NEWSLETTER

Draft agreed.

Action Oct15.10: Newsletter items o/s - Report on Shrubbery working party (HMCK); text on standing order (BC).

14. AOB

Cockburn Association – RSc updated the Committee on new strategy. CA will focus on major City planning issues only, currently the “Edinburgh 12” key developments sites. Local issues will be left for local community associations to monitor and object to; support available where local decision sets a precedent or has wider impact.

Parking – RS noted CEC is consulting on changes to City parking arrangements. Details on CEC website.

Living history – HMCK considering producing a history of Blacket, inviting comments and anecdotes from people who lived in the streets. Currently more information on 19th century than 20th.

Action Oct15.11: Call to be put out at AGM (HMCK)

FUTURE MEETINGS

AGM: Monday 23 November 7.45
Committee: Monday 18 Jan 2016

Parkside Bowling Club (Committee at 7)
7 Alfred Place

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

REF	ACTION	RESP
<i>May15.06</i>	<i>Website – Send JK 2014 AGM report & Minutes</i>	<i>FC</i>
<i>May15.10</i>	<i>Website – Home page reviewed to reduce text & increase impact</i>	<i>HD</i>
<i>Sep15.01</i>	<i>P Platt, A Doherty to be nominated at AGM</i>	
<i>Sep12.03</i>	<i>Request for residents to carry out routine maintenance to be included in the newsletter</i>	<i>IC</i>
<i>Sep15.04</i>	<i>Include cards with Newsletter</i>	<i>SMcL/IC</i>
<i>Oct15.01</i>	<i>Request for volunteers for Committee to be made at AGM.</i>	
<i>Oct15.02</i>	<i>Set up automatic forwarding of weekly planning list.</i>	<i>PP/RS/RSc/HMcK</i>
<i>Oct15.03</i>	<i>Contact Minto Hotel architect.</i>	<i>HMcK</i>
<i>Oct15.04</i>	<i>Duncan Street: Coordinate with West Blacket on grounds for objection.</i>	<i>HMcK</i>
<i>Oct15.05</i>	<i>Independent planning review for Scottish Government – ongoing monitoring</i>	<i>RSc</i>
<i>Oct15.06</i>	<i>New residents 2nd floor flat 40 Blacket Place to be invited to join</i>	<i>AD</i>
<i>Oct15.07</i>	<i>AGM tasks – AGM Report distribution by email 13 Nov: Standing order forms – BC Treasurer's Report – BC Invite to West Blacket – HD Chair's Report – HD Planning Report – HMcK/RS Coordination & document production -PP</i>	<i>PP and authors</i>
<i>Oct15.08</i>	<i>Website contact list to be checked</i>	<i>BC/JK</i>
<i>Oct15.09</i>	<i>New email address to be set up</i>	<i>PP</i>
<i>Oct15.10</i>	<i>Newsletter items o/s Report on Shrubbery working party (HMcK) text on standing order (BC).</i>	<i>IC and others</i>
<i>Oct15.11</i>	<i>Living history proposal – AGM discussion topic</i>	<i>HMcK</i>

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	RS
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
May15.09	Website – Planning section to be reviewed	RS,RSc,JK
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
Sep15.02	Membership coordinator – FC to approach candidate	FC
Sep15.05	Check SO list to membership list	BC
Sep15.06	Finalise hire & bar arrangements with Parkside	HD
Jan15.06	Invite West Blacket to send rep to AGM	HD