

# *THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION*

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 18 January 2016 at 7 Alfred Place**

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

Apologies : Arlene Doherty (AD).

**1.MINUTES** : Minutes of 27 October 2015 were approved.

### **2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS**

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

### **3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS**

New Committee Members were welcomed. There are vacancies for two further members on the committee; noted no volunteers had come forward at the AGM.

### **4.PLANNING**

**2 Duncan Street** (West Blacket): No decision yet.

**Minto Hotel** (16/17/18 Minto Street): Planning & listed building application for 8 flats in existing buildings and 3 townhouses in gardens. Background and process discussed, including concerns of Blacket and Minto Street neighbours. Agreed that this is of wider interest due to precedent for redevelopment of Minto Street hotels & guesthouses.

**Action Jan16.01: PP to circulate template objection letter by email. Any residents directly affected not in email to be contacted separately.**

**Action Jan16.02: HD to raise with Community Council.**

**Action Jan16.03: RS to contact planning.**

### **5.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)**

HD noted next meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Current issues:

- Housing refused on East Suffolk Road playing fields
- Student housing - concern as to consequences of market collapse or slowdown; property density and amenities inadequate for other purposes
- Bid in for repairs to East Mayfield pavements.

### **6.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

IC noted ongoing concerns re scams and online fraud, and breakins aimed at getting keys to high value cars. Police Scotland have reduced their involvement in crime prevention and local support.

There is an ongoing CEC consultation on mixed parking bays (Residents and paid). The Committee agreed more flexibility would be beneficial.

### **7.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY**

Routine maintenance over winter period. Noted that Council leaf clearance appears to have reduced resulting in blocked street drains and slippery pavements. Request for residents to clear pavements to be included in Newsletter.

## 8.TREASURER'S REPORT

AGM cost less than expected, and some additional subscriptions received. Card sales raised £150.

## 9.NEW RESIDENTS – None noted

## 10.SOCIAL EVENTS:

**2015 AGM Review** – Attendance approx. 60, less than previous year. Timing and location discussed. Agreed it needs to be more clearly marketed as primarily a social event, with AGM actually taking only a short time.

**2016 Events** – Garden Open Evening date provisionally set for 24<sup>th</sup> June (not yet confirmed). 2 gardens already offered; agreed more should be identified. Potential for a further family oriented event discussed; Bowling Day to be investigated.

**Action Jan16.04: Request for more gardens in Newsletter.**

**Action Jan 16.05: Approach garden owners**

**Action Jan 16.06: investigate Bowling Day costs and format**

## 10.WEBSITE

Agreed to enter into 3 year agreement for website hosting.

**Action Jan 16.07: JK to liaise with BC re contract.**

## 13. COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER

Next newsletter April. Contents discussed:

-Gardens Open Evening

-Request for residents to clear own pavements

-Minto Hotel development

-Advance notice of bowling event

-Publicising history project – request for anecdotes (incl Lindsay Kemp) & volunteer for Mayfield Terrace

**Action Jan16.08: Newsletter drafting.**

## 14. AOB

*Photographic record* – HD noted that a nearby resident was a professional photographer and might be interested in providing photos to the Association .

**Action Jan16.09: Invite photographer to Garden Open Evening**

*Newington Cemetery Friends* – HD noted that the Friends, who are working to improve the Cemetery, have asked residents associations for a contribution. The committee debated whether this would be an appropriate use of funds. Carried forward to the next meeting.

**Action Jan16.10: Research Newington Cemetery Friends request.**

## FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee: Monday 14 March 7.30

Committee: Monday 16 May 7.30

32 Blacket Place

11 Dryden Place

**SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :**

<b>REF</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESP</b>
<b>Sep12.03</b>	<b><i>Request for residents to carry out routine maintenance to be included in the newsletter</i></b>	<b>IC</b>
<b>Oct15.06</b>	<b><i>New residents 2<sup>nd</sup> floor flat 40 Blacket Place to be invited to join</i></b>	<b>AD</b>
<b>Oct15.08</b>	<b><i>Website contact list to be cross checked with subscriptions</i></b>	<b>BC/JK</b>
<b>Jan16.01</b>	<b><i>Circulate Minto template objection letter by email. Any residents directly affected not in email to be contacted separately.</i></b>	<b>PP</b>
<b>Jan16.02</b>	<b><i>HD to raise with Community Council.</i></b>	<b>HD</b>
<b>Jan16.03</b>	<b><i>RS to contact planning</i></b>	<b>RS</b>
<b>Jan16.04</b>	<b><i>Request for more gardens for opening to be included in Newsletter.</i></b>	<b>IC</b>
<b>Jan 16.05</b>	<b><i>Approach garden owners</i></b>	<b>FC, HMCK</b>
<b>Jan 16.06</b>	<b><i>Investigate Bowling Day costs and format</i></b>	<b>HD</b>
<b>Jan 16.07</b>	<b><i>Agree webhosting contract</i></b>	<b>JK, BC</b>
<b>Jan16.08</b>	<b><i>Newsletter drafting (Topics see minutes).</i></b>	<b>IC</b>
<b>Jan16.09</b>	<b><i>Invite photographer to Garden Open Evening</i></b>	<b>HD</b>
<b>Jan16.10</b>	<b><i>Research Newington Cemetery Friends request.</i></b>	<b>HD</b>

## 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
May15.06	Website – Send JK 2014 AGM report & Minutes	FC
May15.10	Website – Home page reviewed to reduce text & increase impact	HD
Sep15.01	P Platt, A Doherty to be nominated at AGM	
Sep15.04	Include cards with Newsletter	SMcL/IC
Oct15.01	Request for volunteers for Committee to be made at AGM.	
Oct15.02	Set up automatic forwarding of weekly planning list.	PP/RS/RSc/HMcK
Oct15.03	Contact Minto Hotel architect.	HMcK
Oct15.04	Duncan Street: Coordinate with West Blacket on grounds for	HMcK

	<i>objection.</i>	
<i>Oct15.05</i>	<i>Independent planning review for Scottish Government – ongoing monitoring</i>	RSc
<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 &amp; document production -PP</i>	PP and authors
<i>Oct15.09</i>	<i>New email address to be set up</i>	PP
<i>Oct15.10</i>	<i>Newsletter items o/s Report on Shrubbery working party (HMCK) text on standing order (BC).</i>	IC and others