

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 14 March 2016 at 32 Blacket Place

Present : Hazel Dunn (HD); Ian Chisholm (IC); Johnny Kruuk (JK);
Fiona Courtney(FC); Hugh Mackay (HMCK); Pauline Platt (PP);
Richard Scothorne (RSc); Arlene Doherty (AD).

Apologies : Becky Colegrave (BC).

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 18 January 2016 were approved.

2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

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

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

HD noted her intention not to seek re-election as chair in December [and to stand down from the Committee]. There are also vacancies for two further members on the committee.

Action Mar16.01: Suggestions for new Chair & new Committee members

4.PLANNING

2 Duncan Street (West Blacket): Application withdrawn.

Minto Hotel (16/17/18 Minto Street): Initial application has been withdrawn after a considerable number of objections, and a revised application put in. The architects have requested a meeting with representatives of the committee. Noted:

- frontage much improved: restoring original doorway, and lead framing glass between the houses;
- back townhouses some improvements: stone facings and slightly more set back from boundary wall. However house footprint has been made deeper to include garages, creating large terraces at first floor level with privacy implications.
- boundary walls not mentioned.
- no neighbours' notification of revised application received.

The Committee also noted the recent Evening News article quoting Councillor Cameron Rose's support for the project and dismissal of "a few objections". The committee expressed concern that Councillor Rose has not consulted any residents on this matter.

Action Mar16.02:Respond to meeting request from architects

Action Mar16.03:Letter to Councillor Rose pointing out lack of consultation

Action Mar16.04:Contact known objectors re new plans and need to submit further objections

5.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

- East Suffolk Road playing fields – Miller Homes appealing development refusal
- The CC can apply for small grants for neighbourhood improvements.
- Noted a new representative will be required to replace HD. The CC meetings are normally monthly.

6.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Noted one breakin in the area – nothing taken.

7.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY

The Council has removed three trees from North Blacket Place shrubbery. Agreed appropriate replacements should be considered.

Action Mar2016.05: New trees for North Blacket plantings

8.TREASURER'S REPORT – Nothing significant to report

9.NEW RESIDENTS

AD reported on contact with new residents.

Action: Welcome pack to be sent to new residents

10.SOCIAL EVENTS:

a/Bowling Day: HD reported Parkside Bowling Club has offered to host the Association for a Sunday afternoon at no charge, either in April or September. Children are welcome. Minimal organisation required as the Club catering will be open. April would be preferable if it can be arranged.

b/Open Gardens: Evening date set for 10th June. Currently only one garden offered.

Action Mar16.06: Request for more gardens in Newsletter.

Action Mar 16.07: Approach garden owners

Action Mar 16.08: Finalise Bowling Day and advertise in Newsletter/email.

10.WEBSITE

Discussion of appropriate contacts for other organisations & extent of information sharing.

13. COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER

Next newsletter late April/May. Agreed maximum 4 pages. Contents discussed:

-Gardens Open Evening

-Request for residents to clear own pavements

-Minto Hotel development

-Notice of bowling event

Action Mar16.09 Agree timing of next Newsletter

14. AOB

Christmas card – AD suggested a composite photo of Christmas doors.

Action Jan16.09: Invite photographer to Garden Open Evening

Waste Action Grants – Noted that the Association can apply for Waste Action grants of £500-£2500 for projects to encourage recycling & reuse.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee: Monday 16 May 7.30

11 Dryden Place

Committee: Monday 29 August 7.30

TBA

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

| REF | ACTION | RESP |
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| Sep12.03 | <i>Request for residents to carry out routine maintenance to be included in the newsletter</i> | IC |
| Jan16.04 | <i>Request for more gardens for opening to be included in Newsletter.</i> | IC |
| Jan16.09 | <i>Invite photographer to Garden Open Evening</i> | HD |
| Jan16.08 | <i>Newsletter drafting (Topics see minutes).</i> | IC |
| Mar16.01 | <i>Suggestions for new Chair & new Committee members</i> | All |
| Mar16.02 | <i>Respond to meeting request from architects</i> | HMCK |
| Mar16.03 | <i>Letter to Councillor Rose pointing out lack of consultation</i> | HMCK |
| Mar16.04 | <i>Contact known objectors re new plans and need to submit further objections</i> | FC |
| Mar16.05 | <i>New trees for North Blacket plantings</i> | HMCK |
| Mar16.06 | <i>Request for more gardens in Newsletter.</i> | IC |
| Mar 16.07 | <i>Approach garden owners</i> | All |
| Mar 16.08 | <i>Finalise Bowling Day and advertise in Newsletter/email.</i> | HD/PP |
| Mar16.09 | <i>Agree timing of next Newsletter</i> | IC |

SUMMARY of CLOSED ACTIONS

| REF | ACTION | RESPONSIBLE |
|------------|---|--------------------|
| Oct15.06 | <i>New residents 2nd floor flat 40 Blacket Place to be invited to join</i> | AD |
| Oct15.08 | <i>Website contact list to be cross checked with subscriptions</i> | BC/JK |
| Jan16.01 | <i>Circulate Minto template objection letter by email. Any residents directly affected not in email to be contacted separately.</i> | PP |
| Jan16.02 | <i>HD to raise with Community Council.</i> | HD |
| Jan16.03 | <i>RS to contact planning</i> | RS |
| Jan 16.06 | <i>Investigate Bowling Day costs and format</i> | HD |
| Jan 16.07 | <i>Agree webhosting contract</i> | JK, BC |
| Jan16.10 | <i>Research Newington Cemetery Friends request.</i> | HD |