

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 16 May 2016 at 11 Dryden Place

Present : Hazel Dunn (HD); Ian Chisholm (IC); Fiona Courtney(FC); Hugh Mackay (HMCK); Pauline Platt (PP).

Apologies: Becky Colegrave (BC). Johnny Kruuk (JK); Richard Scothorne (RSc); Arlene Doherty (AD).

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 14 March 2016 were approved.

2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

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

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Chair: IC willing to stand for Chairman at December AGM. IC would prefer to hand over Neighbourhood Watch coordination to one of the local coordinators who would join the Committee. There are also vacancies for further members on the committee.

Action May16.01: IC to discuss with Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

Action May16.02: Seek new committee members – roles event coordination

4.PLANNING

Duncan Street garage (West Blacket): No decision.

Minto Hotel (16/17/18 Minto Street): no decision.

23 East Mayfield: Substantial modern extension to original coachhouse of Newington Lodge at corner of Dalkeith Rd/E Mayfield. Concerns re size & design, & impact on view approaching Blacket.

Action May16.03:23 East Mayfield objection to be lodged.

5.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

- Noted Council restructuring ongoing. Impact unclear.

- Planned cycle route, including through Blacket, on agenda for next meeting.

6.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Noted there has been a rise in burglaries across South Edinburgh with significant concerns about policing.

7.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY

New trees planted in North Blacket Place shrubbery – reported on in Newsletter.

Noted poor condition of shrubbery fence on east end of Blacket Place – ground is part of shrubbery but currently used by Arun Lodge as garden under an agreement, so this is owners' responsibility.

Action May16.04: Meet Council and Lodge owner to discuss.

8.TREASURER'S REPORT – No major issues; Apologies from Treasurer.

Action May16.05: Increasing subs and direct debits to be on Agenda for next meeting.

9.NEW RESIDENTS – None known. Aim to get email addresses for all new residents.

10.SOCIAL EVENTS:

a/Bowling Day: Sunday afternoon event at Parkside Bowling Club attended by 50 people, including many families. Agreed this was an enjoyable event and required minimal organisation thanks to the Bowling Club hosts.

b/Open Gardens: Evening date 10th June. Currently three gardens with one further possible. A number of residents have agreed to open their gardens in 2017.

Action May16.06: Bowling Club report for next Newsletter.

Action May 16.07: Approach possible garden opener.

Action May 16.08: Liaison re emails & stewarding

Action May 16.09: Change form to include consent for photography.

c/AGM: Format & location to be discussed at next meeting.

Action May 16.10: Details of costs of recent AGMs available for next meeting.

10.WEBSITE

Action May 16.11: Update with details of Garden Open Evening

13. COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER

PP noted a resident had informed the Association of poor service from a tradesman. Agreed this could not be circulated to residents due to potential legal risks.

Action Mar16.09 Agree timing of next Newsletter

Action May16.12 Respond to resident

14. AOB

Cycle Route Proposals – There is a proposal to designate a cycle route from Pollock Halls through north Blacket Place and Blacket Avenue to Duncan Street. Limited information is available but it was agreed this is of major interest to residents. IC agreed to represent the Association on this matter.

Action May16.13: IC to follow up Cycle Route Proposals

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee:	Monday 29 August	7.30	42 Blacket Place
Committee:	Monday 7 November	7.30	32 Blacket Place
AGM:	Tuesday 29 November		Location & date TBC

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

REF	ACTION	RESP
Jan16.09	<i>Invite photographer to Garden Open Evening</i>	HD
Mar16.09	<i>Agree timing of next Newsletter</i>	IC
May16.01	<i>New Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator</i>	IC
May16.02	<i>Seek new committee members – roles event coordination</i>	All
May16.03	<i>23 East Mayfield objection</i>	HMCK
May16.04	<i>Meet Council and Lodge owner re Blacket Avenue shrubbery fence.</i>	HMCK
May16.05	<i>Subs and direct debits to be on Agenda for next meeting.</i>	FC
May16.06	<i>Bowling Club report for next Newsletter</i>	IC
May 16.07	<i>Approach possible garden opener</i>	FC
May 16.08	<i>Liaison re emails & stewarding</i>	All
May 16.09	<i>Change form to include consent for photography</i>	PP
May 16.10	<i>Details of costs of recent AGMs available for next meeting</i>	BC
May 16.11	<i>Update website with details of Garden Open Evening</i>	JK
May16.12	<i>Respond to resident re tradesman reference</i>	PP
May16.13	<i>IC to follow up Cycle Route Proposals</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
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
Jan16.08	<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