

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 7 November 2016 at 32 Blacket Place

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

Apologies: Arlene Doherty (AD);

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 29 August 2016 were approved.

2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Mainly cleared.

Suggestion of moving to Direct Debits for subscriptions turned down. Focus to be on improving rate of subscriptions from residents.

HMCK has discussed east Blacket shrubbery parking area with CEC. CEC confirmed they owned it.

Action Nov16.01: Letter to residents east end of Blacket Avenue re parking area

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Stan Bird has volunteered to join the Committee & will be proposed at the AGM. No other volunteers so far. HD and JK are stepping down and not seeking reelection. RS and BC willing to stand for reelection.

Agreed JK's role re maintenance of the database to be taken over by Joanna Chisholm and PP for the present.

Action Nov16.02: IC to discuss with Neighbourhood Watch coordinators.

4.PLANNING

Duncan Street garage (West Blacket): Recommended for refusal by Reporter. Noted that reporter influenced by history of building, not just parking issues.

Salisbury Arms: Seeking to reconfigure and expand terrace, increasing external covers and installing garden heaters. Neighbouring residents concerned this will mean significantly extended outside use with noise and nuisance. Agreed Association will object.

A resident had raised concern that the pub is incorrectly using a coat of arms in its logo. Agreed that this is not a matter within the Association's remit.

Action Nov 16:03: Objection to Salisbury Arms plans to be made

6.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

HD reported o the September meeting.

- Problems with refuse collection across the area – CEC aware and responding

-Comm Council can put forward projects for Council spend pre year end eg Roads.

IC elected as Blacket representative on the Community Council.

Action Nov 16:04: Residents to be asked for suggestions for projects

7.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

IC reported. Police reorganisation – will be smaller but dedicated team for Southside, including PC David Cuthbert + community policing officers.

8.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY

- Aln Lodge fencing removed and rubbish cleared – fence will be renewed shortly (cost shared with CEC). HMCK thanked for his efforts.

- Unsold plants from the plant sale planted in the shrubberies.

9.TREASURER'S REPORT

- Annual report prepared for AGM. Less income from Open Gardens & lower AGM costs at Parkside. Investment in cards already recovered & substantial stocks left to sell.
- Agreed moving to direct debits was impractical and would be divisive. Noted of approximately 177 households 83 subscribe. Efforts to focus on increasing the proportion of paying residents.

Action Nov16:05 Target nonpayers on email list with specific addressed emails

Action Nov16:06 Local Neighbourhood watch coordinators to check lists (c/f)

10.NEW RESIDENTS – Several noted.

Action Nov16:07 Follow up new residents

11.SOCIAL EVENTS:

a/Wine & cheese/AGM:

Agreed focus on wine & cheese to encourage turnout..

Action Nov16.08: Prep for AGM, Reports to PP by 14 Nov

b/Plant sale:

Raised £135. Surplus plants used in shrubberies. Agreed to be successful & require limited effort. Consider repeating each autumn and providing coffees/selling cards.

c/Future events: possibilities discussed. Bowling Club have offered another event, agreed better to leave this next year. RS suggested Priestfield Tennis Club for family-oriented event. To be considered.

10.WEBSITE - Joanna Chisholm/Pauline Pratt to take over responsibilities from JK. Preference to migrate whole site to Wordpress.

Action Nov16.09: JK to speak to JC/PP re handover.

13. COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER

Timing of next Newsletter probably May.

14. AOB

Living History – HMCK keen to follow up but limited information from residents. Noted that output could be used on the website, but that this should not limit scope of project.

Painted road signs- RS suggested renewing the painted road signs on corner pillars.

Action: Nov16.10: Follow up with quotes from painters known to the Committee.

FUTURE MEETINGS

AGM:	Tuesday 29 November	Parkside Bowling Club
Committee:	Monday 16 January 2017	7.30 11 Dryden Place
Committee:	Tuesday 14 March 2017	7.30 TBA

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

REF	ACTION	RESP
Jan16.09	Invite photographer to Garden Open Evening	HD
Nov16.01	Letter to residents east end of Blacket Avenue re parking area	HMCK/PP
Nov16.02	New NW coordinator - discuss with Neighbourhood Watch local coordinators	IC
Nov16.03	Objection to Salisbury Arms plans to be made	HMCK/RS
Nov16.04	Residents to be asked for suggestions for Comm Council projects	PP/HD
Nov16.05	Target nonpayers on email list with specific addressed emails	BC/HD
Nov16.06	Local Neighbourhood watch coordinators to check lists (c/f)	IC
Nov16.07	Follow up new residents	AD
Nov16.08	Prep for AGM: Reports to PP	HD,BC,IC,FC,HMCK
Nov16.09	JK to speak to JC/PP re handover	JK
Nov16.10	Painted signs: Follow up with quotes from painters known to the Committee.	RS, HD

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
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
Mar16.09	<i>Agree timing of next Newsletter</i>	IC
May16.01	<i>New Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator</i>	IC
Aug16.01	<i>Direct debit process to be investigated.</i>	BC
Aug16.03	<i>Investigate locations & costs for AGM</i>	
Aug16.04	<i>Email advertising Plant sale to all residents</i>	PP
Aug16.05	<i>Plant sale: Set up table & manage event</i>	All
Aug16.06	<i>Shrubbery parking:Follow up with C.E.C</i>	HMCK
Aug16.07	<i>Halls of Residence rubbish: Follow up with University Accom office.</i>	FC