

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 16 January 2017 at 11 Dryden Place

Present : Ian Chisholm (IC); Stan Bird (SB); Becky Colegrave (BC); Fiona Courtney(FC); Hugh Mackay (HMCK); Pauline Platt (PP); Eric Thomson (ET).

Apologies: Arlene Doherty (AD); Richard Scothorne (RS).

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 7 November 2016 were approved.

2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Mainly cleared.

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

IC, new Chair, welcomed Stan Bird and Eric Thomson to the Committee. SB agreed to take on the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator role. Agreed that a Social Coordinator is needed.

Action Jan17.01: Approach potential Social Coordinators to join the Committee.

4.PLANNING

Salisbury Arms: Plans for extended external patio were passed despite objections; planners saw "no material difference" from current setup. Noted that residents' concerns re increased noise and disruption will have to be focused through licensing and environmental health departments rather than planning.

Salisbury Hotel: Association objected to major extension into garden.

12 Minto Street: Extension plans: no objection to plans. Noted W Blacket association have asked the proprietors to look at the front hedge height (very tall hedge which overhangs the street at eye level causing a safety risk).

48b Blacket Place: Garden pavilion – unusual construction, initial concerns over plans showing dormer windows but these are blanks and size within permitted height; no objection.

23b Minto Street: Continuing concerns from Mayfield Terrace residents over condition of property and refuse around it. Ownership/responsibility for the property is unclear.

Action Jan17.02: Investigate ownership and liaise with concerned residents/council.

5.CYCLING ROUTE CONSULTATION

No further action to date. Public consultation anticipated in autumn 2016 still awaited.

6.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

IC reported on the latest meeting.

- Repairs to Mayfield Terrace road surface: on "wishlist" for per year end Council spend.

-Comm Council subgroups: Planning, Roads & Transport, Licensing, Newington Cemetery. IC has joined Roads & Transport group.

-Major issues were refuse collection (cut too much) and policing (scarce resources).

7.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SB to take on coordination role.

8.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY

East end of Blacket Place (Aln Lodge): Completion of fencing noted (shared cost with Council: BA contribution £600); now working on improving landscaping. Suggested mahonia be planted under the yew trees: £270 spend authorised.

9.TREASURER'S REPORT

Noted that funds have been reduced by the spend on fencing and shrubberies.

Agreed that subscription should stay at £5pa. Priority action is to collect subscriptions from nonpaying households. Noted of approximately 177 households 83 subscribe.

Action Jan17.03: Email nonpayers with standing order form and request for payment.

10. NEW RESIDENTS – Several noted.

Action Jan17.04 Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for followup.

11. SOCIAL EVENTS:

a/ AGM:

2016 AGM was discussed. Lower attendance than previous years with 28 residents and 10 Committee members, despite wine & cheese being provided. General view that the Bowling Club is too remote and food offer unnecessary. Agreed to reconsider location, format and timing.

Action Jan17.05: Check BA constitution for any limitations on AGM dates

b/Future events: potential events discussed. Noted that West Blacket has an active events programme; this depends on willing volunteers to organise events. Possible events: dog walk; architectural tours; Priestfield Tennis Club family event.

Action Jan17.06: Follow up potential with Priestfield Tennis Club.

12. WEBSITE -

Action Jan17.07: ET to speak to JK re handover.

13. COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER

Agreed all communications to/from the Blacket Association should go through PP who will distribute to relevant Committee members. Chair authorised to sign on behalf of the Association if required.

Newsletter to be discussed at next meeting.

14. AOB

Land at east end of Blacket Avenue – The correspondence with Mr Blaikie and Deans Properties concerning parking outside 11-15 Blacket Avenue was discussed and a reply agreed.

Action Jan17.08: Reply to be sent re correspondence on east end of Blacket Avenue.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee:	Wednesday 22 March 2017	7.30 52 Blacket Place
	Wednesday 3 May 2017	7.00 TBA

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

REF	ACTION	RESP
<i>Nov16.02</i>	<i>New NW coordinator - discuss with Neighbourhood Watch local coordinators</i>	IC
<i>Nov16.05</i>	<i>Target nonpayers on email list with specific addressed emails</i>	BC/HD
<i>Nov16.06</i>	<i>Local Neighbourhood watch coordinators to check lists (c/f)</i>	IC
<i>Nov16.07</i>	<i>Follow up new residents</i>	AD
<i>Nov16.10</i>	<i>Painted signs: Follow up with quotes from painters known to the Committee.</i>	RS, HD
<i>Jan17.01</i>	<i>Approach potential Social Coordinators to join the Committee</i>	HMck/All
<i>Jan17.02</i>	<i>Investigate ownership of 23b Minto St and liaise with concerned residents/council.</i>	RS/HMck
<i>Jan17.03</i>	<i>Email nonpayers with standing order form and request for payment.</i>	PP/BC
<i>Jan17.04</i>	<i>Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for followup.</i>	All
<i>Jan17.05</i>	<i>Check BA constitution for any limitations on AGM dates</i>	FC
<i>Jan17.06</i>	<i>Follow up potential with Priestfield Tennis Club.</i>	SB
<i>Jan17.07</i>	<i>ET to speak to JK re handover</i>	ET/JK
<i>Jan17.08</i>	<i>Reply to be sent re correspondence on east end of Blacket Avenue.</i>	PP/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

<i>Mar 16.07</i>	<i>Approach garden owners</i>	All
<i>Mar 16.08</i>	<i>Finalise Bowling Day and advertise in Newsletter/email.</i>	HD/PP
<i>May16.03</i>	<i>23 East Mayfield objection</i>	HMCK
<i>May16.04</i>	<i>Meet Council and Lodge owner re Blacket Avenue shrubbery fence.</i>	HMCK
<i>May16.05</i>	<i>Subs and direct debits to be on Agenda for next meeting.</i>	FC
<i>May16.06</i>	<i>Bowling Club report for next Newsletter</i>	IC
<i>May 16.07</i>	<i>Approach possible garden opener</i>	FC
<i>May 16.08</i>	<i>Liaison re emails & stewarding</i>	All
<i>May 16.09</i>	<i>Change form to include consent for photography</i>	PP
<i>May 16.10</i>	<i>Details of costs of recent AGMs available for next meeting</i>	BC
<i>May 16.11</i>	<i>Update website with details of Garden Open Evening</i>	JK
<i>May16.12</i>	<i>Respond to resident re tradesman reference</i>	PP
<i>May16.13</i>	<i>IC to follow up Cycle Route Proposals</i>	IC
<i>Mar16.09</i>	<i>Agree timing of next Newsletter</i>	IC
<i>May16.01</i>	<i>New Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator</i>	IC
<i>Aug16.01</i>	<i>Direct debit process to be investigated.</i>	BC
<i>Aug16.03</i>	<i>Investigate locations & costs for AGM</i>	
<i>Aug16.04</i>	<i>Email advertising Plant sale to all residents</i>	PP
<i>Aug16.05</i>	<i>Plant sale: Set up table & manage</i>	All

	<i>event</i>	
<i>Aug16.06</i>	<i>Shrubbery parking: Follow up with C.E.C</i>	HMck
<i>Aug16.07</i>	<i>Halls of Residence rubbish: Follow up with University Accom office.</i>	FC
<i>Jan16.09</i>	<i>Invite photographer to Garden Open Evening</i>	HD
<i>Nov16.01</i>	<i>Letter to residents east end of Blacket Avenue re parking area</i>	HMck/PP

<i>Nov16.03</i>	<i>Objection to Salisbury Arms plans to be made</i>	HMck/RS
<i>Nov16.04</i>	<i>Residents to be asked for suggestions for Comm Council projects</i>	PP/HD
<i>Nov16.08</i>	<i>Prep for AGM: Reports to PP</i>	HD,BC,IC,FC,HMck
<i>Nov16.09</i>	<i>JK to speak to JC/PP re handover</i>	JK