

# THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 22 March 2017 at 52 Blacket Place**

**Present** : Ian Chisholm (IC); Stan Bird (SB); Becky Colegrave (BC); Fiona Courtney(FC); Arlene Doherty (AD); Hugh Mackay (HMCK); Pauline Platt (PP); Richard Scothorne (RS); Eric Thomson (ET).

**Apologies:** None.

**1.MINUTES** : Minutes of 16 January 2017 were approved.

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

Mainly cleared.

### **3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS**

Potential Social Coordinator identified, to be followed up by HMCK.

**Action Mar17.01: Approach potential Social Coordinator to join the Committee.**

### **4.PLANNING**

Minto Hotel site: minor changes to plans passed.

23 East Mayfield: GPCC concerns about development discussed; noted outside area. No action to be taken.

Royal High School development: RS proposed the Association submit an objection to this as a major conservation issue in the City. Other members felt that this was outside the Association's remit, and the matter was discussed and put to a vote. A majority of the Committee agreed that an objection should be submitted.

**Action Mar17.02: Objection to Royal High School development to be drafted & submitted.**

### **5.CYCLING ROUTE CONSULTATION**

Public consultation (much delayed) expected to begin in the spring with proposals available for online viewing and comments. Exhibition planned for Newington Library, estimated date 26<sup>th</sup> March.

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

IC missed last meeting.

- Repairs to Mayfield Terrace road surface; noted some patching had taken place.

### **7.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Agreed SB to take on coordination role.

### **8.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY**

Noted that several trees in the shrubbery in N Blacket Place have been marked for removal or other work by CEC. Discussion of concerns over removal of mature trees, routes for communication with CEC and that CEC has no budget for replacement planting.

**Action Mar17.03: Formulate a tree strategy and consider the ability of the Association to fund it.**

**Action Mar17.04: Approach neighbouring householders re replacement trees.**

**9.TREASURER'S REPORT** - No transactions noted during the period.

**10.NEW RESIDENTS** – Several noted.

**11.SOCIAL EVENTS:**

**a/Bowling:** Approach from Parkside offering similar format day to previous year. Agreed takeup limited and better to focus on alternative events this year but leave open for future years.

**b/Prestonfield Tennis Club Open Day:** Agreed to take this forward.

**c/Open Gardens:** Potential dates 2<sup>nd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June.

**d/Dog Walk:** Provisional date agreed 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Action Mar17.05: Bowling: reply to Parkside invitation**

**Action Mar17.06: Tennis: Follow up potential with Priestfield Tennis Club**

**Action Mar17.07: Follow up potential gardens and agree dates**

### **13. COMMUNICATIONS**

Newsletter: IC reported next newsletter planned for April/May.

Website: ET reported on his handover from J Kruuk.

**Action Mar17.08: Website: Costing of new website arrangements**

**Action Mar17.09: Draft newsletter to be circulated .**

### **14. AOB**

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Committee: Wednesday 10 May 2017 7.30

50a Blacket Place

## SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

<b>REF</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESP</b>
Nov16.02	<i>New NW coordinator - discuss with Neighbourhood Watch local coordinators</i>	IC
Nov16.05	<i>Target nonpayers on email list with specific addressed emails</i>	BC/IC/PP
Nov16.06	<i>Local Neighbourhood watch coordinators to check lists (c/f)</i>	IC
Nov16.07	<i>Follow up new residents</i>	AD
Nov16.10	<i>Painted signs: Follow up with quotes from painters known to the Committee.</i>	RS, HD
Jan17.01	<i>Approach potential Social Coordinators to join the Committee</i>	HMck/All
Jan17.02	<i>Investigate ownership of 23b Minto St and liaise with concerned residents/council.</i>	RS/HMck
Jan17.03	<i>Email nonpayers with standing order form and request for payment.</i>	PP/BC
Jan17.04	<i>Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for followup.</i>	All
Jan17.05	<i>Check BA constitution for any limitations on AGM dates</i>	FC
Mar17.01	<i>Approach potential Social Coordinator to join the Committee.</i>	HMck
Mar17.02	<i>Planning objection to Royal High School development to be drafted &amp; submitted.</i>	RS
Mar17.03	<i>Formulate a tree strategy and consider the ability of the Association to fund it.</i>	
Mar17.04	<i>Approach neighbouring householders re replacement trees.</i>	
Mar17.05	<i>Bowling: reply to Parkside invitation</i>	

<b>Mar17.06</b>	<b><i>Tennis: Follow up potential with Priestfield Tennis Club</i></b>	SB
<b>Mar17.07</b>	<b><i>Follow up potential gardens and agree dates</i></b>	All
<b>Mar17.08</b>	<b><i>Website: Costing of new website arrangements</i></b>	ET
<b>Mar17.09</b>	<b><i>Draft newsletter to be circulated .</i></b>	IC