

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 16 January 2018 at 42 Blacket Place

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

Apologies: Phil Cullis (PC), Richard Scothorne (RS).

The Committee noted the death of Archie Rennie, the first Chair of the modern Blacket Association. HMCK has sent condolences to his family on behalf of the Association.

1. MINUTES : Minutes of 29 August 2017 were approved.

2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Mainly cleared, some ongoing see listing of open Actions at end of minutes. Noted that emails addressed to nonpaying residents elicited £65 of standing order subscriptions.

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Noted that PC is finding it difficult to attend weekday meetings. Agreed the Committee will seek to coopt further members, particularly those willing to assist in organising social events.

Action Jan 18.01: Approach new residents and others re Committee membership.

4. PLANNING

a/West Blacket garage site: Application for flats refused but developer has resubmitted, reducing 28 flats to 20. Developer presented to Community Council. We have objected as have West Blacket Association and the Community Council.

b/Concern was noted over the future of the former Earthy site on Causewayside.

c/Few other applications.

5. CYCLING ROUTE CONSULTATION

Proposals are believed to have been passed by the Council, but no funding is currently available to take them forward.

The Committee noted the new gates at Pollock Halls, relocated from the McEwan Hall. All agreed that these are a very attractive addition to the area.

6.23b MINTO STREET – No further action noted.

7. GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

IC reported on the last meeting. Bids in for road resurfacing but limited chance of success. Council funding a major issue. No Blacket specific items. BT noted that the Preston Street School PTA is pressing for a crossing for Bernard Terrace.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – The procedure for distributing alerts based on information from residents was discussed. It was noted that there is a balance between providing useful warnings and unnecessarily alarming residents over relatively remote risks.

Action Jan 18.02: Meeting of NW coordinators TBA.

9. BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY – Little action over the winter. Noted that CEC have cut back on clearing leaves with consequences for pavement safety and drainage.

Action Jan 18.03: Request for Residents to clear leaves and snow to be included in Newsletter/emailed.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT - Over £500 subscriptions received with some still to be processed. The new forms have a box to tick to subscribe a larger amount – has been very successful.

11. NEW RESIDENTS – None noted.

11.SOCIAL EVENTS:

a/AGM: The 2017 event was reviewed. Agreed that the venue (Upstairs room at New Bell pub) provided a good environment at no cost to the Association. The possibility of having a speaker at the next AGM will be considered.

b/Other potential events: The potential for other events was discussed, including a Blacket architectural tour using the revised Blacket guide, and a Halloween family event. Noted that the latter would be difficult to manage safely given the number of children from inside and outside Blacket guising on Halloween.

Action Jan18.04: Architectural Tour – to plan & choose date in Spring

12. WEBSITE

Noted that the website needs to be updated for new materials available. Potential social media presence discussed; committee view that while this is a good idea, there is not currently sufficient support to maintain a Facebook site.

Action Jan18.05: Website to be updated for latest material etc

13. NEWSLETTER & COMMS

Challenge of communicating with residents through newsletter vs online media discussed. Noted many residents do not access online communications.

14. CHRISTMAS CARD

AD proposed designing a Blacket Christmas card from photos of the Christmas wreaths on Blacket doors. IC noted that Mr Zank had provided photos on a similar theme. Agreed this was a worthwhile project which could raise funds for the Association.

Action Jan18.06: Project to be taken forward

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday 13 March 2018 7.30

11 Dryden Place

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS:

REF	ACTION	RESP
<i>Nov16.06</i>	<i>Local Neighbourhood watch coordinators to check lists (c/f)</i>	IC 5/17In hand ongoing
<i>Nov16.10</i>	<i>Painted signs: Follow up with quotes from painters known to the Committee.</i>	RS, HD 5/17 Quote requested from painter
<i>Jan17.02</i>	<i>Investigate ownership of 23b Minto St and liaise with concerned residents/council.</i>	RS/HMcK 5/17 Ongoing C/f RS
<i>Jan17.04</i>	<i>Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for followup.</i>	All 5/17 Ongoing
<i>Jan 18.01</i>	<i>Approach new residents and others re Committee membership/assistance with social events..</i>	All
<i>Jan 18.02</i>	<i>Meeting of NW coordinators TBA.</i>	SB/IC
<i>Jan 18.03</i>	<i>Request for Residents to clear leaves and snow to be included in Newsletter/emailed.</i>	PP/IC
<i>Jan18.04</i>	<i>Architectural Tour – to plan & choose date in Spring</i>	IC/HMcK/RS
<i>Jan18.05</i>	<i>Website to be updated for latest material etc</i>	ET
<i>Jan18.06</i>	<i>Christmas Card Project to be taken forward</i>	SB