

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 13 March 2018 at 11 Dryden Place

Present : Ian Chisholm (IC); Becky Colegrave (BC); Fiona Courtney (FC); Arlene Doherty (AD); Hugh Mackay (HMCK); Pauline Platt (PP); Richard Scothorne (RS).

Apologies: Stan Bird (SB); Phil Cullis (PC), Eric Thomson (ET);

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 16 January 2018 were approved.

2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS : some ongoing see listing of open Actions at end of minutes

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Continued Action 18.01 to approach residents re Committee membership, especially re organising social events.

4.PLANNING

a/44 Blacket Place: Application for new extension including new entrance from Blacket Avenue. No objection to extension but concern re new driveway, which would involve felling protected trees including 19thc yew and significantly change aspect on entrance to Blacket Avenue. Objection lodged & will circulate to Community Council.

b/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.

6.23b MINTO STREET

Ongoing concerns of neighbouring residents re condition of property noted. Blacket Association remit/resources to act is very limited.

Action Mar 18.01: Follow up with resident concerned

7.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

IC reported on the last meeting. Bids in for resurfacing and improvements on East Mayfield successful, also Bernard Terrace crossing.

8.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Attempted breakin noted, advice to be passed on to residents.

Action Mar 18.02: Email to residents.

9.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY – HMCK reported there has been no activity with cold weather. Noted that spring bulbs do not do well in the Shrubberies despite large numbers planted. The Committee also noted the rhododendron planted near the Belleville Lodge entrance is already flowering.

10.TREASURER'S REPORT - A further £45 received. Noted that approx. 57% of households in the area subscribe. Procedure for subscription to be streamlined.

Action Mar 18.03: Standing order form to be added to New Resident Welcome pack.

11.NEW RESIDENTS – None noted.

11.SOCIAL EVENTS:

a/Architectural Tour: Date agreed and arrangements to be made. .

Action Mar 18.04: Organise for 10th May.

b/**Open Gardens:** Several offers of gardens but need to be confirmed. Concern that exceptional gardens shown last year may discourage residents from opening. Noted gardens need to be accessible without going inside a house as this is not covered by our insurance.

Action Mar18.05: Approach residents re open gardens

12. WEBSITE

Noted that the website needs to be updated.

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

13. NEWSLETTER & COMMS

Next Newsletter content discussed. Agreed should include standing order form.

Action Mar18.06: Newsletter content to be organised.

14. AOB

a/Committee has been approached by a resident seeking support on a petition on an education matter. Discussed and agreed that this was outside the Association's remit.

b/GDPR was discussed. Agreed that the impact on the Association is limited but requires to be investigated and appropriate action taken to gain consent for holding any personal data.

Action Mar18.07: GDPR impact to be reviewed and policy determined.

c/RS proposed that the Association establish an Award for residents who make an exceptional contribution to improving the environment or wellbeing of the Blacket area. This was positively received by the Committee.

Action Mar18.08: Proposals to be put to next meeting

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday 15 May 2018

7.30

7 Alfred Place