

Minute of Committee Meeting of Blacket Assoc (BA)

on 19 March 2019 @ 11 Dryden Place @ 19.30

Present - Ian Chisholm (IC) Chair, Pauline Platt (PP), Arlene Doherty (AD), Stan Bird (SB), Anne Henderson (AH), Hugh Mackay (HM) Morhaig Blair (MB)

Apologies - Richard Scothorne (RS) Fiona Courtney (FC) (*Minutes taken by SB*)

Minutes of 22 Jan 2019 - Approved

Action Items discussed.

Database

Needs to be updated. Agreed access arrangements - only designated committee members to be able to update & others to view only. MB to check with former committee member re structure – Google docs/XL?

Planning

HM – (i) McD Garage student flats redevelopment now likely to go ahead. Community Council & West Blacket Assoc persuaded to accept - no objections. Façade & roof to be retained. No car parking permits to be issued. (ii) South Gray Street – site cleared/work commencing. (iii) Gas mains work to commence – question in re what parking restrictions in notice actually mean. HM advised v few planning applications coming in for comment.

PP raised question in re what BA shd/not cc to members – request from Hazel Dunn in re meeting in re bus consultation. IC suggested run by him for view as to whether is ccd to neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Watch

SB advised about recent graffiti and info about reporting it to authorities and responsibility for removal. Also noted reports of 2 robberies at knife-point of 2 women in wider area – alert to be issued warning of risk.

Shrubberies

HM reported on removal of ivy on fences – daffodils not great due to shade and other plants now flowered too – some fly tipping of ashes. Also referred to reduction of council amenity hours which cd lead to increase in more fly-tipping. SB advised he'd contacted Council's Env Health Dept in re the piles of strange pellets and powder. No reply received.

Treasurer

AH advised new banking now set up. BA has about £2.5 k in bank but cost of Xmas card printing etc is outstanding. Agreed payment for registration of domain name, 10% discount for 3 years prepayment.

New Residents - AD updated Committee.

Social Events

1 – Architectural Walk – date possibly May/June – HM and RS to consider available dates and arrange for “script” of talk to be uploaded to website in due course.

2 – Gardens Evening – date agreed as 21 June. Possibly 4 gardens to be opened. PP to email for other volunteer gardens. Also agreed that BA needs to draw up info sheet for owners – e.g. in re NOT providing drinks/nibbles to ensure circulation round gardens, security, liability, sign in sheets etc. Discussion in re location of party afterwards. Agreed probably not need marquee.

3 – Dog Walk – PP to cc to neighbourhood in re likely dates

4 – Consideration of publication of “Nature Walk” with Rangers in Holyrood Park.

Agreed that details will be included in email/newsletter.

Communications

Website – already discussed

Newsletter – IC will need reports in re e.g. NW from SB; Gardens from HM and Architectural Walk dates from HM/RS & other events etc. Date of issue – end of April/early May. Reports needed at least 1 week before issue.

AOB

1 – Issue in re bus consultation – noted – matter for Grange & Prestonfield CC?

2 – FC raised issue of Astley Ainslie redevelopment – NHS vacating in 5 years. What happens to open spaces used by community? Need to safeguard public access. IC to check position with Community Council. Community Trust established and looking for support/suggestions – meeting organised for 23 March 2019 at Columcille Centre.

Date of Next Meeting(s)

- 14 May @ 19.30 at RS
- 10 Sept @ 19.30 at HM