

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 10 September 2019 at 42 Blacket Place

Present : Ian Chisholm (IC); Mhoraig Blair (MB); Fiona Courtney (FC); Arlene Doherty (AD); Anne Henderson (AH); Pauline Platt (PP); Richard Scothorne (RS), Hugh McKay (HMCK).
Apologies: Stan Bird (SB);

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 14 May 2019 were approved.

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

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS: Noted that IC, SB and RS have served three years terms and are all willing to stand for reelection at the AGM. MB will be nominated for election as Website and Database manager. The post of Social Convenor remains vacant and volunteers are sought.

There was discussion re appropriate process for responding to resident correspondence between meetings. Agreed PP to forward to all Committee members where unclear who should respond to correspondence.

Action Jan19.01 – Follow up with interested residents re Committee

4.PLANNING The Thrums Hotel application has been withdrawn following objections from residents and the Association. The Committee thanked RS for his work on this and noted his advice to neighbours on the process.

5.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC) – IC reported that the current Chair and Vice Chair were standing down. GPCC strengths are in Planning, with limited influence in other areas. Current concerns include the concentration of University accommodation in the area.

6.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – No major issues reported.

Action Sep19.01 – Issue warning over security of garden sheds.

Action Sep 19.02 – Meeting of local coordinators o/s.

7.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY – A large amount of ivy has been removed this year and there is more to do. HMCK noted there was a lack of volunteers for pruning the base of the lime trees.

The Committee noted with thanks the contribution of a Mayfield Terrace resident to the maintenance of the shrubberies in the Terrace.

Action Sep19.03 – HMCK to pass on Committee's thanks to volunteer.

8.TREASURER'S REPORT - AH reported that the Association had a draft surplus of £230 in the year to 31 August, including £120 surplus on the Open Gardens event. The cost of Christmas cards has been expensed and stocks remain available for sale. Potential future investments include moving the website to a Wordpress format, and the cost replacing felled or deceased trees if not funded by CEC.

9.SOCIAL EVENTS:

a/ Open Gardens – Felt to be a successful event with good weather, and a good attendance including a number of new residents. The Committee passed a vote of thanks to Ms Gower and Dr Gluckstein for their hospitality in providing their garden as venue for the party.

b/AGM – to be held at the Old Bell on Weds 30 October

Sep19.04 - Planning for AGM

10. COMMUNICATIONS

MB reported on work carried out to date including cleaning & rationalising the database; and on plans to update and edit the website.

Action Sep19.05 – Review the website and provide MB with updated content.

Action Sep 19.06 – Newsletter, including AGM notice, to be distributed w/b 14/10/19.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday 21 January 2020 7.30; Tuesday 17 March 2020