

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 17 March 2020 held by conference call

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

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 21 January 2020 were approved.

2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS : some ongoing.

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Succession - Noted that the post of Social Convenor remains vacant, that HMCK & FS's terms end this year and PP also expects to step down at the AGM. The make up of the Committee was discussed and it was agreed that its functions and role expectations should be reviewed, with a view to encouraging new Committee members.

Action Mar20.01 – All Committee members to provide PP with role description including tasks currently carried out by April 27th.

4.COVID 19 RESPONSE – Committee members discussed how we can best contribute to the community given that the Association has no formal mandate or resources in this area. Several residents have contacted the Association volunteering to support self isolating residents with shopping etc. Agreed that the Association can assist by matching volunteers with residents requesting support, and MB volunteered to take on co-ordinating this.

Action Mar20.02 – Communicate availability of volunteer support & match volunteers to residents requesting support.

5.PLANNING The Thrums Hotel held a meeting to consult neighbours on a revised proposed extension scheme. FS attended the meeting and reported that the much smaller scheme, and the new architect's more consultative approach, was more favourably received. A resident tree expert has also reviewed the potential impact of the development on the Avenue trees. Thrums has since lodged a planning application. RS was thanked for his input, which galvanised objections to the original scheme and resulted in the planning application being withdrawn.

Action Mar20.03 – Review revised application.

5.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC) – Meetings postponed.

6.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – Noted that local reps have had little involvement and that the scheme needs to be reinvigorated.

Action Mar20.04 – SB to Contact local reps and reestablish group.

7.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY – Volunteers have worked over two sessions to clear ivy from trees. Noted that a new coordinator will be required to succeed HMCK from AGM 2020.

8.TREASURER'S REPORT - Several donations received. AH recommended that the standing order documentation should be amended so that residents are encouraged to donate more than £5.

9.SOCIAL EVENTS: On hold. Open Gardens likely to be cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

a/MB updated the Committee on progress on the website. MB currently updating content, still waiting on updates; once complete she will build a new page. IC noted there are various documents which should go on the website, including the Architectural Guide (as updated by RS and HMCK).

11. AOB – Continuing complaints re taxis and vans ignoring the one way restriction at Minto street entrance to Mayfield Terrace.

Action Jan20.05 – IC to raise with Community Council.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee: 12 May 2020