

# THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

(the “Association”)

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

(the “Committee”)

Held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 8pm via Zoom

**Apologies:** Arlene Doherty – New Residents (“AD”)

**Present:** Ian Chisholm – Chairman and Newsletter Editor (“IC”)  
Stanley Bird - Neighbourhood Watch (“SB”)  
Mhoraig Blair – Website Co-ordinator (“MB”) (from item 11 onwards)  
Richard Scothorne – Planning (“RS”)  
Susan Hezlet - Communications (“SH”)  
Hazel Clark – Minutes and Social Convener (“HC”)

### 1. APOLOGIES

IC advised that AD couldn’t attend and that MB was running late, but would join the meeting as soon as she could.

### 2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 were approved.

### 3. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

The list of open actions was discussed. The table of actions at the end of these minutes has been updated accordingly.

### 4. PLANNING

RS updated the Committee on the following planning applications:

Richard Murphy’s House on Dalkeith Road	The email had been sent today and there were 8 objections.
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### 5. GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (the “GPCC”)

IC reported that cycle lanes remained the big issue and that discussions between the opposing views of cyclists and motorists were becoming increasingly lively! He now had hold of the latest plans, which thankfully affected Zone 7 less than other areas. IC believed that the changes within the Blackets were to the benefit of residents. Importantly, there were to be no weekend parking charges. The only consequence of the new and improved parking arrangements was the requirement for new signage which was uncontroversial. The Committee agreed.

## 6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SB advised there was only one small matter to report. AD had spotted Amazon parcels being left outside a house late at night and was concerned they would be stolen by some rowdy people who were hanging around the area. SB had taken the boxes into his house at 10:30pm just in case and the intended recipient had collected them from SB the next morning.

## 7. BLACKET SHRUBBERIES WORKING PARTY (the "BSWP")

The Committee discussed a proposal by Hugh of the BSWP to plant flowers round the foot of a large tree on the South pavement of Mayfield Terrace for the cost of £66.90, and agreed it should be authorised.

## 8. TREASURER'S REPORT

AH advised that she had paid Robin Waddell for the stump removal and would pay Hugh £66.90 for the plants as mentioned above.

## 9. NEW RESIDENTS

SB reported that 26A Mayfield Terrace had been sold, so new residents would be arriving in due course. AH advised that a new couple had moved into 20A Mayfield Terrace and she would inform AD. AH had also been approached by Ian Dickson and his wife from 64 Dalkeith Road who wanted to be added to the mailing list and were interested in Neighbourhood Watch issues.

## 10. SOCIAL EVENTS

The Committee agreed with IC's idea that it would be great for new residents if a street party could be organised for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

The Committee then discussed the possibility of holding the usual Open Gardens event, albeit in July, provided that the Scottish Government schedule of releasing social distancing measures goes as planned. To minimise the risk of spreading Covid, residents could bring their own drinks and nibbles. IC suggested that a Newsletter could be issued nearer the time with details.

## 11. COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS

In AD's absence there was nothing to report. MB joined the meeting at this point and updated the Committee on the progress of her actions, which has been reflected in the table below.

## 12. WEBSITE UPDATE

MB requested that the Committee all have a look at the website and give MB any feedback.

***May21.01 - Committee members to look at the website and give MB their feedback***

## 13. NEWSLETTER

The Committee discussed what sort of items could be included in the forthcoming Newsletter, such as:

- volunteers to host the Open Gardens;
- a summary of the parking changes;

- a request for Neighbourhood Watch volunteers;
- a Neighbourhood Watch report;
- a report on the changes to the website;
- a report on the BSWP; and
- a link to how to complain to the Council re potholes, blocked drains etc.

IC agreed to create a draft newsletter and circulate to the Committee for comments.

**May21.02 - IC to create draft of newsletter and circulate to Committee.**

#### 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

AH reported that parents collecting their children from Strawberry Hill nursery were now parking across the whole pavement making it impossible for pedestrians, never mind buggies or wheelchairs, to get past. The situation is set to get even worse once the car park at The Thrums Hotel becomes smaller. IC agreed to raise the issue with the nursery.

**May21.03 - IC to contact Strawberry Hill nursery to ask them to email parents re their dreadful parking practices on Blacket Avenue.**

#### 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Committee should hold its next meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm.

#### SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS:

<b>REF</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Nov16.10	<i>Painted signs: Follow up with quotes from painters known to the Committee.</i>	SB	2/2/21 – SB has taken photos and will take measurements this weekend 4/5/21 – SB has sent the info to the Council - CLOSED
Jan17.04	<i>Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for follow up.</i>	All	Ongoing. New residents at 64 Dalkeith Road, 20A and 26A Mayfield Terrace
Jan19.05	<i>Blacket Awards proposal concept to be developed further.</i>	RS	RS will definitely have ready for next meeting as he is now down to working 3 days per week
Sep19.05	<i>Review the website and provide MB with updated content.</i>	All	Ongoing
Mar20.04	<i>Reconfirm local Neighbourhood watch reps' interest in continuing, and re-establish group.</i>	SB	Next Newsletter will ask for a volunteer to take this forward - ongoing
Mar20.05	<i>Illegal one-way entry to Mayfield Terrace – raise with GPCC</i>	IC & SB	Council have been informed that we want a proper NO ENTRY sign. Ongoing.
May20.03	<i>Committee members to review website and submit any changes to MB by the end of June.</i>	All	Ongoing
Feb21.01	<i>IC to raise with GPCC matter of illegal one-way entry to Dalkeith Rd from Blacket Place</i>	IC	Ongoing.

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Feb 21.02	RS to update 'The Blacket Association: Aims and Activities' paper and send to MB for uploading to website	RS & MB	Completed.
Feb 21.03	IC to request grit box at next GPCC meeting	IC	IC will keep pressing for. Ongoing.
Feb 21.04	MB to organise transfer of ownership of database into the name of the Association	MB	MB has emailed Becky Colgrave but has not yet received a response. Ongoing. IC might have to intervene.
Feb21.07	MB to arrange a quote from an IT company to build large documents into the website	MB	Ongoing. MB has made a lot of progress.
Mar21.01	MB to check that section on website about types of permitted railings makes it clear that planning permission is still required.	MB	Completed. Linked into Planning section.
Mar21.02	SB to provide SH with communication to send to residents re online scam which caught out Grange resident.	SB	Completed.
Mar21.03	IC to speak to Robin about potential removal of tree stump on corner of Blacket Place and Blacket Avenue.	IC	Completed.
Mar21.04	HC to find out date of Queen's Diamond jubilee in 2022 with a view to having a Blacket Street Party.	HC	Completed.
Mar21.05	IC to check with Hugh McKay that the people he's interviewing about their time living in the Blackets are aware that their responses will be uploaded to the website	IC	Completed.
Mar21.06	MB to upload Blacket History document into the History section of the website	MB	Completed.
Mar21.07	MB to upload the Five Streets document as another sub-section of the History section and to ensure it is clear that Hugh McKay wrote the piece	MB	Completed.
Mar21.08	IC to consider potential contents of a Newsletter to be issued in May	IC	Ongoing.
Mar21.09	HC to put note through the door of 21 and 24 Mayfield Terrace, requesting their correct email address.	HC	Completed.
Mar21.10	IC to bring the old Association documents to the next meeting held in person, so the Committee can decide what should be kept	All	Scheduled for meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021.
Mar21.11	IC to speak to the nursing home re the complaint by Bobby Smith about overhanging trees in Dryden Place	IC	Completed.
May21.01	<b>Committee members to look at the website and give MB their feedback</b>	<b>All</b>	
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