

# THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

(the “Association”)

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

(the “Committee”)

Held on 8 June 2021 at 8pm at 11 Dryden Place

**Apologies:** Arlene Doherty – New Residents (“AD”)  
Ann Henderson- Treasurer (‘ AH’)  
Hazel Clark – Minutes and Social Convener (“HC”)

**Present:** Ian Chisholm – Chairman and Newsletter Editor (“IC”)  
Stanley Bird - Neighbourhood Watch (“SB”)  
Mhoraig Blair – Website Co-ordinator (“MB”) via Facebook  
Richard Scothorne – Planning (“RS”)  
Susan Hezlet - Communications (“SH”)

### 1. APOLOGIES

IC advised that AD and AH couldn’t attend. HC made a late apology because of a domestic issue.

### 2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 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 our objections to the removal of part of listed garden wall and creation of new parking place in the front garden of 10 Blacket Place.

### 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! The latest plans, 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 nothing of note to report.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no report with the Treasurer absent.

**8. NEW RESIDENTS**

There was no report with the New Residents committee member (AD) absent.

**9. BLACKET SHRUBBERIES WORKING PARTY ('BSWP')**

A Blackets residents' email appealing for volunteers to work in the shrubbery on Saturday 26 June had been circulated.

**10. SOCIAL EVENTS**

The Committee confirmed 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 agreed the possibility of holding the usual Open Gardens event, albeit in July, was not possible given the Scottish Government's current policy. It was agreed that a Blacket residents' social event should be held as soon as it was possible to do so.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS**

In AD's absence there was nothing to report.

**12. WEBSITE UPDATE**

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

**13. NEWSLETTER**

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

- 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.

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Committee should hold its next meeting on Tuesday 7 or 21 September at 8:00pm.

### SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS:

<b>REF</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
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 have ready for next meeting'
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.
Feb 21.03	<i>IC to request grit box at next GPCC meeting</i>	IC	IC will keep pressing for. Ongoing.
Feb 21.04	<i>MB to organise transfer of ownership of database into the name of the Association</i>	MB	MB has emailed Becky Colgrave but has not yet received a response. Ongoing. IC will contact Becky.
Feb21.07	<i>MB to arrange a quote from an IT company to build large documents into the website</i>	MB	Not necessary at present. MB has made a lot of progress.
Mar21.08	<i>IC to consider potential contents of a Newsletter to be issued in May</i>	IC	Ongoing.
Mar21.10	<i>IC to bring the old Association documents to the next meeting held in person, so the Committee can decide what should be kept</i>	All	Scheduled for meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021. Completed.
Mar21.11	<i>IC to speak to the nursing home re the complaint by Bobby Smith about overhanging trees in Dryden Place</i>	IC	Completed.
May21.01	<b><i>Committee members to look at the website and give MB their feedback</i></b>	<b>All</b>	Ongoing
May21.02	<b><i>IC to create draft of newsletter and circulate to Committee</i></b>	<b>IC</b>	Ongoing.
May21.03	<b><i>IC to contact Strawberry Hill nursery to ask them to email parents re their dreadful parking practices on Blacket Avenue</i></b>	<b>IC</b>	Done and awaiting reply.