

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

(the “Association”)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

(the “Committee”)

Held on 14 September 2021 at 8pm at 11 Dryden Place

- Apologies:** Stanley Bird - Neighbourhood Watch (“SB”)
Mhoraig Blair – Website Co-ordinator (“MB”)
Richard Scothorne – Planning (“RS”)
Susan Hezlet - Communications (“SH”)
- Present:** Ian Chisholm – Chairman and Newsletter Editor (“IC”)
Arlene Doherty – New Residents (“AD”)
Anne Henderson- Treasurer (‘ AH’)
Hazel Clark – Minutes and Social Convener (“HC”)

1. APOLOGIES

IC advised that SB, MB, RS and SH couldn’t attend.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2021 were approved, subject to one small change requested by AH.

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

IC reported that the application which the Committee was most worried about was the one by The Thrums Hotel, however RS was on the case and had organised numerous objections.

5. GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (the “GPCC”)

IC reported that the three main issues remained cycle lanes, email scams and the extension of parking zones.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SB advised there was nothing of note to report.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

AH reported that there was £3,472.97 in the Committee's account. Most residents were paying their £5 per annum. Therefore, there was no need for any fundraising as the Committee had more than sufficient funds.

8. NEW RESIDENTS

As mentioned in the action list, there were lots of new residents to the area who AD had been visiting.

9. SOCIAL EVENTS

The Committee remained keen to organise a street party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

10. COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS

The Committee agreed that SH was doing a great job of sending out email communications to residents. Discussions then moved to whether the Committee should set up a WhatsApp group for residents. It was agreed that the group would be too large and that the number of notifications would become annoying. HC pointed out that it would be easier to search through old emails from the Committee than WhatsApp messages to find a particular topic.

11. WEBSITE UPDATE

The Committee discussed their favourite areas of the website and HC mentioned that she planned to read the information about Newington Cemetery as she often walked there with her dogs.

12. NEWSLETTER

IC advised that at this time of year an AGM Newsletter would normally be issued. The Association's constitution states that one should be held every October or November.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the merits of holding the AGM virtually or in person. After weighing up the pros and cons, HC suggested that we let the residents vote for their preferred option.

Action Sept21.01 – HC to work with SH to issue an email to residents about the AGM with voting buttons on it.

SH to issue an email to residents allowing them to vote for a proper or virtual AGM

IC reported that AD and AH were both up for re-election this year. It was noted that IC was up for re-election in 2022 as that would be the end of his six year term.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Committee should hold its next meeting at the AGM on Wednesday 17th November, whether in person or virtually.

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS:

REF	ACTION	RESP	STATUS
Jan17.04	<i>Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for follow up.</i>	All	Ongoing. 7 new residents this week, including at 40 Blacket Place.
Jan19.05	<i>Blacket Awards proposal concept to be developed further.</i>	RS	Ongoing.
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	Closed as emailing residents re issues is working well.
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.
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 as no action yet.
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.
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	Action completed.
May21.01	<i>Committee members to look at the website and give MB their feedback</i>	All	Ongoing
May21.02	<i>IC to create draft of newsletter and circulate to Committee</i>	IC	Action completed.
May21.03	<i>IC to contact Strawberry Hill nursery to ask them to email parents re their dreadful parking practices on Blacket Avenue</i>	IC	Action completed.
Sept21.01	<i>HC to work with SH to issue an email to residents about the AGM with voting buttons on it.</i>	HC, SH	