

# THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

(the “Association”)

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

(the “Committee”)

Held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 8pm

**Present:** Ian Chisholm – Chairman and Newsletter Editor (“IC”)  
Susan Hezlet - Communications (“SH”)  
Anne Staresmeare – Sustainability representative (“AS”)  
Hazel Clark – Minutes and Social Convener (“HC”)

**Apologies:** Stanley Bird - Neighbourhood Watch (“SB”)  
Mhoraig Blair – Website Co-ordinator (“MB”)  
Richard Scothorne – Planning (“RS”)  
Arlene Doherty – New Residents (“AD”)  
Anne Henderson - Treasurer (‘AH’)

### 1. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved.

### 2. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

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

IC advised that he had still not had a response to his complaint about the parents’ parking issue and would therefore chase the nursery owners up again.

### 3. PLANNING

RS had issued his apologies, but had emailed HC with an update. The Planners have not accepted the latest proposal from the owner of the Thrums Hotel to regard changing the proposed layout of the free standing hotel extension building in the rear garden to single rooms as a non-material change. This means that the owner will have to apply for planning permission to do this.

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

IC advised that the main issues at the moment were the planned housing at Peffermill, issues at the Blind School development and cycle lanes.

### 5. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SB had given his apologies but had advised that there was not much to report. A new resident had offered to become a neighbourhood watch member but SB felt that wasn’t necessary as most crime was online these days.

**6. SHRUBBERY WORKING PARTY**

IC reported that Hugh was happy to carry on managing this. The Committee discussed the possibility of holding a litter picking morning, for which the Council would provide litter picking devices.

**7. UPDATE ON BLACKET SUSTAINABILITY GROUP**

AS advised that the first sustainability group meetings had been held in February and March. Their aims were to keep the COP26 ideas alive, do research on the topic and try to publish a two-sided A4 paper of ideas. Their main ideas concerned insulation, low carbon heating and local sustainable businesses. For the April meeting, each member was going to bring a section for inclusion in the paper. AS reported that 28 Mayfield Terrace had solar panels and the Committee discussed whether they were permitted on listed buildings. It was agreed that the Sustainability Group's paper, once finalised, should be included in the Blacket Newsletter, to be issued before the Jubilee street party.

***Action Apr22.01 – AS to finalise Sustainability Group paper for inclusion in next Newsletter.***

**8. TREASURER'S REPORT**

AH had given her apologies but had advised HC that two new residents had signed up to pay and she had passed their details on to SH to be added to the database. The only payment leaving the account was for the Association's £40 subscription to the Cockburn Association.

**9. NEW RESIDENTS**

AD was unable to attend the meeting as she had Covid-19. Two new residents had moved into the area and she had passed their details to SH.

**10. SOCIAL EVENTS**

The plans for the Platinum Jubilee were to be discussed under item number 14. The Committee agreed that there was no need to hold an Open Gardens evening this summer due to the street party taking place.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS**

It was agreed that a Blacket Newsletter should be issued before the Platinum Jubilee.

**12. WEBSITE UPDATE**

MB had given her apologies but had advised HC by email that the compatibility issue with Apple and the Komodo Edit editing software persisted and given that it had been a few months, she didn't think it was worth waiting for them to resolve the issue – MB only had access to apple computers in her household.

Given the above situation, MB had spent a bit of time looking at alternative editing software that might work and have found one possible solution called Visual Studio Code. MB planned to download it and check whether it was compatible and would then look to migrate everything across. All being well, this should allow MB to get back to editing the website properly and updating committee details etc.

### 13. NEWSLETTER

This had already been covered under item number 11. The deadline was to be week commencing 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### 14. PLANS FOR PLATINUM JUBILEE

IC began by stating that he felt the plans for the Golden Jubilee in 2012 were somewhat over-the-top. The Committee discussed various options for the event and decided upon the following:

- SH to be in charge of finding tables and chairs and, when we are short of them, informing people to bring their own. Mayfield church have a limited number of 16 and we will have to find others and move them.
- IC is in charge of drink, both alcoholic and soft, and glasses, and seeking free beer kegs. Volunteers for glass washing and returning to be established
- HC is in charge of food and advising the residents who have volunteered to provide food and what they should bring.
- AS is in charge of sustainable party stuff e.g. bunting, plates and if necessary, cutlery.
- No band is required. HC suggested bringing a large Bluetooth speaker.
- The Committee should provide basic levels of beer, wine and soft drinks
- Residents should be asked to give donations to cover cost – either in cash or via bank transfer to the Committee's account.
- Residents should use their own toilets – no portaloos required
- Invites should be restricted to Blacket residents and residents from the nursing home.

### 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SH advised that the section of the database dealing with 50-56 Blacket Place needed to be sorted out.

### 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Committee should hold its next meeting at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2022 at 30 Mayfield Terrace.

### SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS:

<b>REF</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<i>Jan17.04</i>	<i>Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for follow up.</i>	All	Ongoing and working well. New residents at 24 Mayfield Terrace
<i>Jan19.05</i>	<i>Blacket Awards proposal concept to be developed further.</i>	RS	Ongoing. RS promised to make progress on this once his work hours reduced.
<i>Sep19.05</i>	<i>Review the website and provide MB with updated content.</i>	All	Ongoing.
<i>Mar20.05</i>	<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.
<i>Feb21.01</i>	<i>IC to raise with GPCC matter of illegal one-way entry to Dalkeith Rd from Blacket Place</i>	IC	Ongoing.

<b>REF</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<i>Feb 21.03</i>	<i>IC to request grit box at next GPCC meeting</i>	<i>IC</i>	<i>IC will keep pressing for. Ongoing as no action yet.</i>
<i>Feb21.07</i>	<i>MB to arrange a quote from an IT company to build large documents into the website</i>	<i>MB</i>	<i>Not necessary at present. MB has made a lot of progress.</i>
<i>May21.01</i>	<i>Committee members to look at the website and give MB their feedback</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
<i>Jan22.01</i>	<i>HC to forward her email exchange with the Council re entry into Blacket Avenue to the rest of the Committee.</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Jan22.02</i>	<i>IC to chase up the nursery for a response to his complaint about nursery parents parking on Blacket Avenue.</i>	<i>IC</i>	<i>Ongoing. IC to keep chasing for a response.</i>
<i>Jan22.03</i>	<i>MB to check for future updates to Komodo Edit</i>	<i>MB</i>	<i>Resolution ongoing.</i>
<i>Jan22.04</i>	<i>Japonica shrub to be bought and replanted beside 8 Dryden Place.</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Ongoing. Hugh to organise.</i>
<i>Jan22.05</i>	<i>SH to put MB and Paddy in touch re possibility of using MB's babysitter.</i>	<i>SH</i>	<i>Closed</i>
<i>Jan22.06</i>	<i>IC to find out whether local councillors are planning to hold local hustings.</i>	<i>IC</i>	<i>IC had received answers but it was decided it was too close to the local elections now. Closed.</i>
<i>Jan22.07</i>	<i>Committee to consider whether to hold Open Gardens evening in August.</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Enough going on with Jubilee street party. Closed.</i>
<i>Jan22.08</i>	<i>HC to send AGM minutes to Committee members.</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>Done. Closed</i>
<i>Jan22.09</i>	<i>SH to send a message to residents asking who would like to find out more about how to live sustainably.</i>	<i>SH</i>	<i>Ongoing.</i>
<i>Apr22.01</i>	<i>AS to finalise Sustainability Group paper for inclusion in next Newsletter.</i>	<i>AS</i>	