

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

(the “Association”)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

(the “Committee”)

Held on 3rd May 2022 at 7pm

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. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from those members listed above.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2022 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.

IC advised that in relation to the illegal one-way entry into Mayfield Terrace, the GPCC are planning to reinstate the old cycle route and also make Blacket Avenue one-way again, but they haven’t decided which way yet.

4. PLANNING

RS had issued his apologies but had reported that the project at the Thrums Hotel was currently on hold.

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

IC advised that the main issues at the moment were the delays in the planning system due to under staffing. Low emission zone trials will start on 31 May 2022 and will be enforced from 1 June 2024, subject to final approval by Scottish Ministers.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SB had given his apologies but had advised that there was not much to report. Most crime continued to be online. There had however, been a few garage and shed thefts. IC commented that the police never attend GPCC meetings - they just send a report instead – and that they don't seem to have sufficient knowledge of online crimes.

7. SHRUBBERY WORKING PARTY

IC advised that Hugh had already provided him with his section for the forthcoming Newsletter. AS brought up the issue of litter being left under the bench on Minto Street where it joins Blacket Avenue. Discussions ensued as to whether it was possible to ask the Council to collect litter from an area using an online form. This would enable the Association to email residents to inform them of such.

***Action – May22.01** – AS to establish whether there is a website through which litter issues can be reported to the Council.*

8. UPDATE ON BLACKET SUSTAINABILITY GROUP (“BSG”)

AS provided the Committee members with the BSG's draft section for inclusion in the Newsletter and asked that any comments be directly relayed to her.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

AH had given her apologies but had advised HC that there was nothing to report.

10. NEW RESIDENTS

AD was unable to attend the meeting but some new residents had moved into the area and she had passed their details to SH.

11. SOCIAL EVENTS – PLATINUM JUBILEE STREET PARTY

The Committee discussed various options for the event and noted/decided upon the following:

- 140 attendees so far
- Table to be placed down the centre of the original part of Alfred Place
- AS was sourcing 50 metres of biodegradable bunting for Alfred Place residents to put up themselves
- AS would also provide them with 60 helium balloons and weights
- HC would provide a speaker to play music
- The road would be closed to everyone except residents
- Cars should be moved from the party area in the morning
- 11 tables and 40 chairs were being borrowed from Mayfield Parish Church
- 6 tables were being borrowed from Priestfield Tennis Club
- SH was donating 2 tables to the cause
- It was important that the event was as sustainable as possible
- There was no need for table cloths as they may blow away and would also create more rubbish
- Committee members should take along kitchen roll and bin bags for the clear up

- HC had ordered charity collection buckets within which residents could drop the suggested £10 per person donation
- IC would give the Association's bank details in the Newsletter as an alternative
- IC would order 6 cases of red wine (Malbec), 6 cases of white (Sauvignon Blanc) and 6 cases of Prosecco together with glasses from Majestic
- Tea and coffee would not be provided
- AS would order 200 paper plates, wooden forks and spoons and 100 paper cups for children.

Action – May22.02 – HC to email those who had volunteered to help with food to see whether they wanted to prepare all the food or whether it would be best for different streets to bring savoury items and other streets to bring sweet.

Action – May22.03 – HC to check with Lindsay Johnston re the ordering of beer kegs.

Action – May22.04 – IC to bring diluting juice for children to the street party.

Action – May22.05 – SH to bring her water tanks to the street party for children's drinks.

Action – May22.06 – IC to find out whether it would be possible to get an ice cream van to come to Alfred Place on the day of the street party.

12. COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS

See item 14.

13. WEBSITE UPDATE

MB had given her apologies but there was nothing major to report.

14. NEWSLETTER

IC advised that he would be away week commencing 22nd May and therefore he would like to issue the Newsletter around the 14th or 15th of May.

In relation to the Jubilee Street Party, it was agreed that IC would mention that residents should:

- move their cars out of the way in the morning
- bring their own chairs, as the church benches were for the elderly only
- bring finger food ideally
- remember food hygiene rules
- bring specific food for any family members with allergies
- bring £10 per person as the suggested donation
- bring an umbrella in case of wet weather
- be there for the start of the event at 2pm
- report to IC from 11 am if they were helping to set things up

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

HC advised that AH had mentioned that a resident on Blacket Place was worried about the speed of cars going down his street. The Committee agreed that the installation of the proposed one-way system would hopefully minimise this issue.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS:

REF	ACTION	RESP	STATUS
Jan17.04	Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for follow up.	All	Ongoing and working well. New residents will soon be moving into Dryden Place.
Jan19.05	Blacket Awards proposal concept to be developed further.	RS	Ongoing. RS promised to make progress on this once his work hours reduced.
Sep19.05	Review the website and provide MB with updated content.	All	Ongoing but doing well.
Mar20.05	Illegal one-way entry to Mayfield Terrace – raise with GPCC	IC & SB	Council have been informed that we want a proper NO ENTRY sign. Ongoing.
Feb21.01	IC to raise with GPCC matter of illegal one-way entry to Dalkeith Rd from Blacket Place	IC	Ongoing.
Feb 21.03	IC to request grit box at next GPCC meeting	IC	IC will keep pressing for. Ongoing as no action yet.
<u>Feb21.07</u>	MB to arrange a quote from an IT company to build large documents into the website	MB	Not necessary at present. MB has made a lot of progress.
<u>May21.01</u>	Committee members to look at the website and give MB their feedback	All	Ongoing.
<u>Jan22.02</u>	IC to chase up the nursery for a response to his complaint about nursery parents parking on Blacket Avenue.	IC	Ongoing. IC to keep chasing for a response.
<u>Jan22.03</u>	MB to check for future updates to Komodo Edit	MB	Resolution ongoing. Solution found - closed
<u>Jan22.04</u>	Japonica shrub to be bought and replanted beside 8 Dryden Place.	All	Ongoing. Hugh to organise.
<u>Jan22.09</u>	SH to send a message to residents asking who would like to find out more about how to live sustainably.	SH	Ongoing. Sent out – closed.
Apr22.01	AS to finalise Sustainability Group paper for inclusion in next Newsletter.	AS	AS to send draft to the Committee asap.
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