

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

(the “Association”)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

(the “Committee”)

Held on 27th September 2022 at 8:15pm

Present: Ian Chisholm – Chairman and Newsletter Editor (“IC”)
Susan Hezlet - Communications (“SH”)
Anne Starsmeare – Sustainability representative (“AS”)
Stanley Bird - Neighbourhood Watch (“SB”)
Arlene Doherty – New Residents (“AD”)
Hazel Clark – Minutes and Social Convener (“HC”)

Apologies: Mhoraig Blair – Website Co-ordinator (“MB”)
Richard Scothorne – Planning (“RS”)
Anne Henderson - Treasurer (‘AH’)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated from those members listed above.

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 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.

4. AGM

IC advised that SH would be taking over from him as Chair of the Association at the AGM in November. IC would, however, stay on as a member of the Committee, as a member of the GPCC and continue to provide the newsletter.

Discussions turned to the forthcoming AGM and who was up for re-election etc.

Action – Sept22.01 – IC to check which members of the Committee are up for re-election and to book the Old Bell for 7pm on the 9th November for the AGM.

5. PLANNING

RS had issued his apologies but had reported that the project at the Thrums Hotel was probably a lost cause. The GPCC planner agreed and Fiona Courtney was fed up trying to fight it.

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

IC advised there was nothing much to report but that he would mention to the Councillors that the bench on the corner of Blacket Avenue and Minto Street had disappeared.

Action – Sept22.02 – IC to advise GPCC that the bench on the corner of Blacket Avenue and Minto Street had disappeared.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SB said that the Police would not be attending the AGM and were not even going to produce a report – instead we would receive one quarterly in arrears. Online scams were still the number one issue, but there was a limit to how many times people could be warned about them. It was agreed that it was still important to tell residents about any local crimes, such as burglaries.

8. SHRUBBERY WORKING PARTY

IC advised that Hugh was happy to still lead the working party but did not want to be on the Committee.

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

AS advised that the BSG would be holding another meeting soon and that she would provide wording for inclusion in the newsletter for the AGM and also for the newsletter issued in May 2023.

10. TREASURER’S REPORT

AH had given her apologies but had emailed the following report:

“Our expenses were £1275.01 (wine £641.43, beer £271, balloons/plates etc £212.58, donation to Mayfield church £150) against income of £1541.20 giving a profit of £266.19.

As many of you will know zero based budgeting is difficult. We were helped by good weather, an excellent attendance and the fact that people did “pay up” both at the event and afterwards online. We also received an unexpected donation of £60 towards the beer. A large number of payments came in online and I suspect that some were late subscriptions but have been only able to identify a few of those.

Our subscriptions were £630 in 2020, £810 last year and £770 this year.”

11. NEW RESIDENTS

AD advised some new residents had moved into the area and she had passed their details to SH.

12. COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS

The papers for the AGM would be prepared by IC and HC.

13. WEBSITE UPDATE

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

14. NEWSLETTER

This would be included in the AGM papers.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

IC and SH would meet separately to discuss governance and plans for the hand over of the Chair to SH from the date of the AGM.

Action – Sept22.03 - IC and SH to meet separately to discuss governance and plans for the hand over of the Chair to SH from the date of the AGM.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed.

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS:

REF	ACTION	RESP	STATUS
<i>Jan17.04</i>	<i>Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for follow up.</i>	All	Ongoing and working well. AD has given membership details to new residents at 3 Dryden Place.
<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 but doing well.
<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. Still ongoing. To be kept under review.
<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.
<i>Feb 21.03</i>	<i>IC to request grit box at next GPCC meeting</i>	IC	Grit box received. Closed.
<i>Feb21.07</i>	<i>MB to arrange a quote from an IT company to build large documents into the website</i>	MB	No longer applicable – closed.
<i>May21.01</i>	<i>Committee members to look at the website and give MB their feedback</i>	All	Ongoing.
<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>	IC	Ongoing. IC to keep chasing for a response.
<i>Jan22.04</i>	<i>Japonica shrub to be bought and replanted beside 8 Dryden Place.</i>	IC	Shrub has been replaced but IC to check if residents have been refunded.
<i>Apr22.01</i>	<i>AS to finalise Sustainability Group paper for inclusion in next Newsletter.</i>	AS	Meeting coming up so AS will prepare update to be included in Newsletter for AGM.

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May22.01	<i>AS to establish whether there is a website through which litter issues can be reported to the Council.</i>	AS	Doesn't appear to be one – put in Newsletter that residents pick up litter in the area.
May22.02	<i>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.</i>	HC	Done – closed.
May22.03	<i>HC to check with Lindsay Johnston re the ordering of beer kegs.</i>	HC	Done – closed.
May22.04	<i>IC to bring diluting juice for children to the street party.</i>	IC	Done – closed.
May22.05	<i>SH to bring her water tanks to the street party for children's drinks.</i>	SH	Done – closed.
May22.06	<i>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.</i>	IC	Done – closed.
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