

# THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

(the "Association")

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

(the "Committee")

Held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Susan Hezlet - Chairman and Communications ("SH")  
Ian Chisholm –Newsletter Editor ("IC")  
Stanley Bird - Neighbourhood Watch ("SB")  
Arlene Doherty – New Residents ("AD")  
Anne Henderson - Treasurer ('AH')  
Hazel Clark – Minutes and Social Convener ("HC")

### 1. APOLOGIES

Richard Scothorne – Planning ("RS")  
Colin Blair – Website Co-ordinator ("MB")  
Anne Starsmeare – Sustainability representative ("AS")

### 2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 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 NEWSLETTER AND AGENDA

After some discussion, it was agreed that the next AGM should be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at the Old Bell at 7pm. Furthermore, it was agreed that it would be a nice idea to offer residents one free drink on arrival from the bar downstairs at 6:45pm, before they come upstairs for the meeting.

SH advised that a few residents had expressed their interested in joining the Committee and that HC was up for re-election at the AGM.

It was agreed that the main topics to be included in the AGM Newsletter should be:

- Minutes of the last AGM;
- Elections;
- Accounts;
- Planning;
- Neighbourhood Watch;
- Shrubbery Working Party;
- Sustainability Group; and

- Chance to buy Blacket cards at the AGM.

The deadline for submissions to IC for inclusion is to be 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

## 5. PLANNING MATTERS

SH explained that the most concerning plans related to 12 Dryden Place and, particularly, 23 Blacket Place. 23 Blacket Place is 'A' listed and is trying to install a driveway. SH encouraged the Committee members to raise objections before the deadlines which were the end of the week for 12 Dryden Place and the 6<sup>th</sup> of October for 23 Blacket Place. IC agreed to submit an objection to 23 Blacket Place on behalf of the GPCC too.

## 6. GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (the "GPCC")

IC mentioned that there had finally been a Police report in person. However, the report focussed on local incidents as opposed to online crime, which was the most prevalent type of crime these days.

The GPCC had plenty of ideas about things they wanted to do, but no funds with which to implement them, unfortunately.

## 7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ("NW")

SB informed the Committee that there was nothing major to report.

## 8. BLACKET SHRUBBERIES WORKING PARTY ("SWP")

The Committee noted that the next event for the SWP would be the gathering of leaves from streets and perhaps the planting of spring bulbs.

IC would ask Hugh MacKay for a contribution to the AGM Newsletter in relation to the SWP and for the dates Hugh needed people to help with the clearing of leaves.

***Action – Sept23.01 – IC to ask Hugh for a contribution to the AGM Newsletter re the SWP and dates for the clearing of leaves.***

## 9. UPDATE FROM BLACKET SUSTAINABILITY GROUP ("BSG")

AS was absent from the meeting but had already sent the Committee a paragraph for inclusion in the AGM Newsletter.

## 10. TREASURER'S REPORT

AH advised that the Association had approximately £4,500 in the bank. A profit of £93 had been made at the Open Gardens event. The Committee agreed that it had certainly been a very successful evening. There had been too much red wine left, however, with fizz being the most popular option. The residents who hosted the drinks in their garden did such a good job that SH and AH had given them a bottle of champagne on behalf of the Association, as a thank you.

## 11. NEW RESIDENTS UPDATE

SH mentioned that 28 Mayfield Terrace was back on the market.

New residents were expected at 1 Dryden Place which was now sold and also at 34 / 36 Mayfield Terrace.

**12. WEBSITE UPDATE**

CB was unable to attend the meeting but had advised that all matters were in hand.

**13. AOB**

AD and AH mentioned that there were a large number of envelopes which had been made to the wrong size for the Blacket Christmas cards and were free to a good home.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was to be the AGM.

The meeting finished at 8:45pm.

Hazel Clark  
Secretary

**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 and working well. AD has given membership details to new residents at 3 Dryden Place.
Jan19.05	<i>Blacket Awards proposal concept to be developed further.</i>	RS	Ongoing. RS promised to make progress on this once his work hours reduced.
Sep19.05	<i>Review the website and provide CB with updated content.</i>	All	Ongoing but doing well.
Mar20.05	<i>Illegal one-way entry to Mayfield Terrace required – raise with GPCC</i>	IC & SB	Still ongoing. IC & SB to speak to MSP and also local councillor Pauline Flannery at GPCC meeting on 20/09/23.
Feb21.01	<i>IC to raise with GPCC matter of illegal one-way entry to Dalkeith Rd from Blacket Place</i>	IC	Ongoing.
<u>May21.01</u>	<i>Committee members to look at the website and give MB their feedback</i>	All	Ongoing.
<u>Jan22.02</u>	<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. IC has sent two letters to them but still no response.
<u>Jan22.04</u>	<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. Ongoing.
Apr22.01	<i>AS to finalise Sustainability Group paper for inclusion in next Newsletter.</i>	AS	Done. CLOSED.
AGM 22.01	<i>SB to ask university residence rep at GPCC meeting to stop blowing leaves onto Blacket Avenue.</i>	SB	Stuart Tully is now Head of Public Affairs at Edinburgh Uni so SB will email him to ask who we should contact going forward
Feb23.02	<i>RS to ask contractors at Thrums Hotel to increase their health and safety signage to warn the public of ongoing dangers.</i>	RS	Ongoing.
Feb23.03	<i>SH to put Hugh in touch with her gardener, Jerry.</i>	SH	Done. CLOSED.
May23.01	<i>IC to provide the wording for the disclaimer notices and email to HC for printing and laminating.</i>	IC	Not required. CLOSED.
May23.02	<i>SH and AH to order supplies from Majestic and CB would pick them up.</i>	SH, AH & CB	Done. CLOSED.
May23.03	<i>SH to ask Hugh for a contribution to the Newsletter re the SWP.</i>	SH	Done. CLOSED.

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May23.04	AS to contact the GPCC to update them as to the Blacket Sustainability Group's ideas and progress.	AS	Ongoing.
<u>Sept23.01</u>	IC to ask Hugh MacKay for a contribution to the AGM Newsletter re the SWP and dates for the clearing of leaves.	IC	