

THE BLACKET ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING on 29 August 2017 at 4 Dryden Place

Present : Ian Chisholm (IC); Stan Bird (SB); Becky Colegrave (BC); Fiona Courtney(FC); Arlene Doherty (AD); Eric Thomson (ET); Hugh Mackay (HMck); Pauline Platt (PP); Richard Scothorne (RS).

Apologies: Phil Cullis (PC).

1.MINUTES : Minutes of 10 May 2017 were approved.

2. OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

Mainly cleared, some ongoing see listing of open Actions at end of minutes.

3. COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

Noted that HMck and FS are due to stand down at the AGM. Both are willing to stand again. PC, who has been coopted as Social Coordinator, will be put forward for election at the AGM.

4.PLANNING

a/Application to remove trees at 26 Mayfield Terrace: These include a yew which may be very old. Tree policy discussed: While there is concern that trees not be removed unnecessarily, the Committee accepted that residents generally have good reasons for removal and no objections should be lodged without consultation with the resident concerned.

b/Few other applications, nothing of note

c/23b Minto St: Further correspondence from a concerned neighbouring resident was noted. Agreed HMck should meet with him to discuss the position.

Action August 17.01: Informal discussion with 26 MT proprietor re trees

Action August 17.02: Meeting tba with 6MT proprietor re 23bMinto St.

5.CYCLING ROUTE CONSULTATION

Public consultation took place in June with an exhibition at Newington Library. The Association submitted a comprehensive response at the end of June. The Committee thanked IC for his work on this. No further developments.

Action August 17.03: Association Response to go on the website.

6.GRANGE/PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL (GPCC)

IC reported on the last meeting. Condition of roads and Council funding a major issue. No Blacket specific items.

7.NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – SB reported on activity. There were a number of vehicle thefts over the summer. NWatch have warned residents about various topics such as cold callers.

8.BLACKET AVENUE WORKING PARTY – HMck reported on work carried out. Mahonia provided by the Council have been planted at the eastern end of Blacket Place. The tree stump at the corner of Blacket Place and Blacket avenue has been treated to kill the roots, with CEC permission. An email request for assistance with pruning generated a positive response with 9 volunteers.

9.TREASURER'S REPORT - Few transactions in the period. Noted that emails to non-paying residents have generated increased contributions [£? BT to provide].

10.NEW RESIDENTS – None noted.

11.SOCIAL EVENTS:

a/AGM: Agreed preferred venue is the New Bell pub on 12th October, an earlier date than previous years. We will have exclusive use of the upstairs room and a bar will be provided. It is anticipated this will be an easier venue for access than Parkside.

b/Plant sale: To be held again this year on 7th October in Alfred Place.

c/Open Gardens: This years' event was very successful with over [?] attending. £126 surplus was generated for Association Funds. The Association is grateful to all the residents for opening their gardens and especially the Macdonalds for allowing their garden to be the venue for the social gathering.

Action August 17.04: AGM Preparation: Check dates with Old Bell (IC); AGM reports by end September to be emailed to IC (Various); Communications planning

Action August 17.05: Plant Sale preparation: Tables from Mayfield church (PC); Communications (PP)

12. WEBSITE

Architectural trail: Agreed ET authorised to improve format, font etc.

Living History: HMCK's contribution acknowledged. Potential for book discussed.

13. NEWSLETTER & COMMS

Next Newsletter to signal the AGM. Details discussed.

Action August 17.06: Newsletter preparation

14. AOB

Minto: Noted demolition work has started. Adjacent residents are monitoring the work and its impact on the boundary walls.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Committee:	Tuesday 16 January 2018	7.30	11 Dryden Place
	Tuesday 13 March 2018	7.30	TBA
AGM:	12 October 2017		
Plant Sale:	7 October 2017	11.00	Alfred Place

SUMMARY of OPEN ACTIONS :

REF	ACTION	RESP
Nov16.05/ Jan17.03	<i>Subs: Request from nonpayers with specific emails</i>	BC/IC/PP 5/17 Ongoing -list to PP & IC for emailing
Nov16.06	<i>Local Neighbourhood watch coordinators to check lists (c/f)</i>	IC 5/17 In hand ongoing
Nov16.10	<i>Painted signs: Follow up with quotes from painters known to the Committee.</i>	RS, HD 5/17 Quote requested from painter
Jan17.02	<i>Investigate ownership of 23b Minto St and liaise with concerned residents/council.</i>	RS/HMcK 5/17 Ongoing C/f RS
Jan17.04	<i>Committee members to email AD with details of new residents for followup.</i>	All 5/17 Ongoing
Mar17.04	<i>Approach neighbouring householders re replacement trees.</i>	HMcK 5/17 C/F
May17.04	<i>Website: Further investigation of proposals</i>	ET
August 17.01	<i>Informal discussion with 26 MT proprietor re trees</i>	HMcK
August 17.02	<i>Meeting tba with 6MT proprietor re 23b Minto St.</i>	RS/HMcK
August 17.03	<i>Cycling Route consultation: Association Response to go on the website.</i>	IC/ET
August 17.04	<p><i>AGM Preparation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check dates with Old Bell -AGM reports sent to IC by end September Minutes & Agenda FS Chair's report IC Planning RS Shrubbery HMCK Neighbourhood Watch SB Treasurer's Report BT <p><i>-Communications planning</i></p>	<p>IC</p> <p>FS/IC/RS/HMcK/SB/BT</p> <p>PP</p>
August 17.05	<p><i>Plant Sale preparation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Borrow tables from Mayfield church (PC) -Communications (PP) 	PC/PP/All
August 17.06	<i>Newsletter preparation (to include positive welcome to new members)</i>	IC