



**Blacket Association Newsletter**

**October 2018**

## **AGM WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER THE OLD BELL**

The 49th Annual General Meeting of the Blacket Association will be held on Wednesday 24 October 2018 in the Old Bell in Duncan Street from 7:30pm. The upstairs bar in the Old Bell has been reserved exclusively for our use. The AGM will start promptly at 7:45pm. An AGM is a legal necessity but proceedings do not normally take more than 45 minutes so socialising with neighbours at the Old Bell can occupy the greater part of the evening. Copies of the minutes of last year's AGM and the reports from the various committee members will be issued by email before the meeting. If you do not receive the email, let a committee member know. We may not have your email address or have it incorrectly. Please bring the AGM papers with you. However, there will also be printed copies available at the AGM.

All members, prospective members, friends and residents in the Blacket area are welcome at the AGM – new members particularly so. All are invited to raise any points of interest that they would like to discuss.

### **Agenda**

- Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (12 October 2017);
- Election of committee members and office bearers.  
Pauline Platt and Arlene Doherty have reached the end of their three-year terms of office and are happy to stand for re-election. Becky Colegrave (Treasurer) and Phil Cullis (Social Convenor) are standing down from the Committee. Anne Henderson (4 Mayfield Terrace) is nominated to the Committee as Treasurer and Emma O'Bryen (40 Blacket Place) is nominated to the Committee as Social Convenor. Further nominations are invited; these should be notified to the Secretary, preferably in advance of the meeting;
- Chairman's report;
- Planning report;
- Treasurer's report;
- Neighbourhood Watch report;
- Blacket Avenue working group report;
- Any other competent business.

## COMMITTEE 2017–2018

CHAIR	Ian Chisholm	11 Dryden Place
TREASURER	Becky Colegrave	12 Alfred Place
MINUTES SECRETARY	Fiona Courtney	52 Blacket Place
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH	Stanley Bird	4 Dryden Place
PLANNING/SHRUBBERY	Hugh Mackay	42 Blacket Place
PLANNING	Richard Scothorne	7 Alfred Place
WEBSITE/CONTACTS	Eric Thomson	50A Blacket Place
NEW RESIDENTS/CARDS	Arlene Doherty	56 Blacket Place
COMMUNICATIONS	Pauline Platt	27 Mayfield Terrace
SOCIAL CONVENER	Phil Cullis	44 Blacket Place

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Architectural tour

In May an architectural tour of the Blackets was conducted by Richard Scothorne and Hugh Mackay, our Blacket history and architectural experts. The tour was very well supported, with more than thirty residents attending. Other residents expressed disappointment that they could not make it so we will be arranging similar tours next spring. Meanwhile an architectural trail guide of the Blackets, which was written some years ago, has now been revised by the Association. A link to a copy will be put on the website.

### Open gardens

The annual Open Gardens evening was held on Friday 15 June. We would like to thank the Clarks (10 Blacket Place), the Cooks (24 Blacket Place), the Fletchers (32 Blacket Place), the MacCormicks (82 Dalkeith Road) and Pat Brechin (82a Dalkeith Road) for the chance to have a look around their policies. After that, and despite the slightly overcast weather, more than a hundred residents gathered in the open areas of Alfred Place for drinks and the chance to chat with neighbours.

## NEW RESIDENTS

If you have 'recently' moved to Blacket you should have received a welcome card from Committee member Arlene Doherty, giving you details of the Blacket Association as well as an invitation to join us and information about our website and Committee members. If not, please make yourself known to Arlene.