

GCRA Committee Meeting Tuesday 27 February 2024, 19:00hrs

Attendees:

Carol Fraser, Chair (CF)
Anne McCarthy, Joint Treasurer (AM)
Behnam Balai, Joint Treasurer (BB)
Rachel Hinds, Joint Treasurer (RH)
Sam Rennie, Secretary (SR)

Apologies:

None

Meeting Commenced: 19:02hrs

BB Advised SR that the database is maintained by the Treasurers so if any amendments are needed to email them accordingly.
The yearly Balance Sheet is endeavoured to be done by 20 October so invites for the AGM can be emailed after this is received.

CF There are three Treasurers on board.
Asked why Colin and Gillian not invited to this meeting?

SR – I was advised this was an informal meeting to sort out who was to be doing what.

CF – Mentioned, as always, we are dutybound by the terms of the Constitution and act in accordance to the objectives in the Constitution. We have no authority to act on any block matters or get involved in individual residents' disputes between neighbours. As a committee, we act as a group on behalf of residents and consult with each other as defined by the Constitution. As Secretary, SR would probably conduct most of those affairs.

AM joined 19:04hrs

CF – Confirmed what had been said prior to AM joining

BB – The Facebook address below emails of signatures – we need to try to draw the line, as there currently is no Committee representation Facebook. We need to decide whether to involve the Committee on Facebook or not.
What is the strategy?

CF – Agreed. The Facebook was set up by a resident for residents and is not a condition for any Committee member to have a social media account.

SR – Happy to be the Committee member on Facebook.

CF – If SR leaves there will be no official channel.

BB – The problem with email on Secretary signature is whether the email is of the opinion as a Committee member or resident. This needs clarification.

SR – Wants to be proactive and any correspondence or messages on Facebook have been noted 'with a Secretary hat on' or 'with a resident hat on'.

BB – We need to clarify that this is a Committee email address, and that the Facebook page is available to all residents.

SR – Will amend signature and any correspondence sent out.

CF – Not sure if it is a good idea for the whole Committee to get involved with Robertson as, if residents have any issues, the planned communication reads as the committee will resolve when there is not much the committee can do. Not all committee members would want to police the area but agreed if Sam is personally happy to be a single point of contact.

SR – Confirmed the project manager would rather one point of contact than lots of separate emails

CF- We can't get involved in traffic issues

BB – This issue is an exception because it affects everyone. It is in the interest of everyone that we represent residents, as an association rather than individuals. The constitution also allows this: 'The objects of the Association shall be to promote and develop the common interests of the residents in and the owners of the properties situated at Glenogle Court'.

SR – Asked CF if she had the time to be a member of the Committee due to work commitments.

CF – Happy to do Chairperson as it is less onerous.

BB – Happy for SR to relay any messages to Robertson's Project Manager as part of the GCRA

SR – Will change flyer to "I" not "We" with regard to any issues with Robertson as the other Committee don't want to be involved. Also advised that she had not involved the other members and was quite happy to take this onboard individually. And 'We' should be used in correspondence preferential to 'I'.

BB – We can't manage Visitor spaces, else we would be expected to manage them. We can get into trouble as dealing with parked cars in visitors spaces sends the wrong message that these spaces are managed by the Association so one may expect us to paint that spot as a disabled space and we don't have such authority so we should reply to any email re parking spaces with "This is not a matter that the Committee can get involved in."

SR – We need quotes for the table (and any benches) to be painted.

CF – Is it best to get a quote to do it professionally? What do you think?

AM – Happy to have a Painting Party and we can post this on the Facebook page (*Note: AM is not on Facebook*)

BB – Also happy to get involved – to be done in approx 4 weeks time when the weather is drier.

SR – Has compiled a document with dimensions and photos of the bin areas. 20 entrances areas (of the 22) will need to be widened by a brick-cutter and any damage will also need to be repaired.

CF — Not all bin areas are damaged. Also mentioned that this has been discussed many times previously and it was confirmed that bin areas are the responsibility of the individual blocks.

SR – Advised that further damage will be done if something isn't done.

BB – Did not understand the logic – lawns are also owned by individual blocks so if we do all the lawns which are owned by individual blocks, then why can't we do all the bin areas as an Association? I'm not supporting the proposal to fix the damaged bin areas but the logic that 'we can't fix them because they are owned by individual blocks is wrong'.

SR – Advised that the bin areas were mentioned a couple of AGMs ago, advising Michelle O'Toole was to get in contact with the Council and would also look into the redesign of the bin areas.

SR - Also asked where the minutes were for the AGM in 2023.

CF – These were to be done by Patrick Honeybone but has had no response to request since the AGM.

SR – Advised we need to knock on PH's door as he has sign-in sheets from the meeting for our records.

CF - Suggested that she and SR work out minutes between to two of them.

SR – Stated she will be stepping down at the end of the week due to Association's lack of willingness to conduct business for the estate and is leaving the meeting.

SR – Left at 19:55hrs

Meeting continued and it was suggested the committee have a follow up call to discuss the way forward.

Meeting ended at 20:05hrs