

MINUTES for GCRA Committee Meeting - Tuesday 23/6/15

Present:

Gus & Denise - Secretary

Michael - Treasurer

Graeme Dunbar – Committee member

Jane Norie – Committee member

Jan McNee

Chris Brannan

Aileen and Laurence Hole

The meeting was opened by Gus who welcomed all present.

There were apologies from committee members Jackie Sutherland and Susan Currie as well as Rik Hart and a handful of others.

Gus explained briefly to the newer residents present how the committee worked and met and who was involved. This included mentioning that there is still no Chairperson. This moved onto a discussion that the committee could elect a chair from its current membership for the next AGM if the role is still vacant at that time.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted with no objections.

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting moved onto discuss the actions raised at the previous meeting:

The re-painting of the car parking bays is now complete. However, two flats, 4/6 Liddesdale Place and 2/5 Ettrickdale Place were not re-painted. This was due to the fact that on every occasion the contractors were here doing the work there were vehicles parked in these bays which were covering the markings making it impossible for the work to be done. Also that there was one oversight by Gus, in that the space for 7/2 Glenogle Road was not painted. This was due to this space appearing to not be a parking bay and more of a space to allow entry to the rear path to 7 Glenogle Road and

there was no sign of any previous numbers painted here. As such this space was not painted and it was only after all the work was complete that Gus was made aware that this was actually the space for 7/2 Glenogle Road. 133 out of 136 spaces were painted. The painting has now been paid for.

The damaged wall to the front of 6 Glenogle Road has been repaired. 3 quotes were obtained for this work with the option of the quote sourced by Carol Notman being chosen as it was significantly cheaper than the other two. It was agreed that the work had been completed to a good standard. This has also been paid.

GCRA bank account. Jane has sourced the correct forms to change the signatories to the GCRA account. Historically three office bearers of the Association have always been the signatories. However, with the GCRA currently not having a Chair the meeting agreed that an ordinary committee member could also fill this role. The new signatories should be Michael Sharp as Treasurer, Gus McNulty as Co-Secretary, Denise McNulty as Co-Secretary and Jane Norie as Committee Member.

Jane and Susan are still to look at the wording of the residents information sheet.

Rik has sourced a PRIVATE sign for the gate to the riverbank which he has put up himself. Michael said that he had not received a bill for this yet.

Also, Chris mentioned that he thought the new signs in the car parks have had a positive effect in Ettrickdale Place.

The new bench / picnic table in Liddesdale Place was also discussed. Gus said that Billy Shaw had bought this and assembled it for all residents to use. The GCRA has subsequently re-paid Billy the amount for this, £215.99, as all residents are to benefit from the use of this, then it is only fair that the GCRA cover the cost. It was then discussed that a similar bench / picnic table could be purchased for Ettrickdale Place. This was agreed by the meeting, however it was decided that we will wait until we start to build up the bank account again.

CHAIR REPORT

There was no chair report.

SECRETARY REPORT

Gus said that the secretaries' role since the last meeting had mainly consisted of answering emails from residents.

TREASURER REPORT

Michael had prepared an updated list of aged receivables including the debtors to the association. Michael also said that there had been some monies received since the last meeting, one from a property agent who did not specify what flat they manage. He also said as it stands £3050 is due from debtors. Also, that most of the debtors are rentals with 4 hardcore properties who are years in the red.

Michael also discussed that the fees could be put up to £100 PA to keep up with our maintenance spending. It was agreed that when the subscription requests are sent out just prior to the 2015 AGM the fees would remain at the current £90 and we could discuss at the AGM and have a vote on increasing the fees.

GARDENING IMPROVEMENTS

The meeting discussed the extra programme of works that are currently ongoing to replace old worn out shrubs and bushes around the estate. Gus said that to date Greenscape had removed the old shrubs and hedges that had been identified and that Greenscape are to replant these areas in due course. Gus also said that there has been some correspondence from residents regarding this, with a couple of residents asking if they could take over the maintenance of gardening of areas in front of their properties where hedges have been removed. Also, that there have been two complaints about this work, where Gus has advised that the work is incomplete and still is a work in progress.

Michael said that we have not received any billing from Greenscape in regard to this.

RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE RIVERBANK AND GROUNDS

Gus said that he has continued to liaise with Jonathan James at the council regarding this. The damaged walls in the Liddesdale car park have now been repaired. Also, it seems that the contractors have now carried out some work on the riverbank, where Jonathan has said that the contractors have been and carried out the work here. Jonathan has also said that the council will maintain this area for 2 years. Gus said that as far as he is aware the work carried out has consisted of top soil and grass seed being laid and that it may take some time for this to bed in. Gus also said that Jonathan is aware that two benches are to be replaced on the riverbank and this is still in hand.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gus said that there has been a couple of complaints from residents regarding the amount of dog faeces on the estate, with one resident in particular appearing to responsible for a lot of this mess. It was agreed that the GCRA could put a notice up and update the website with an item reminding all residents of their responsibilities in regard to their dogs.

Another resident had been in touch to ask if the GCRA were aware of the proposed re-development of the Earthy building at Canonmills. The meeting agreed that we could email out the petition on 38 degrees (if it is still live) and put and item on the website highlighting this and raising awareness and if any residents want to get more involved they can feel free to do so.

The meeting also discussed trades people that have been used by residents and it was agreed that it could be a good idea to have a page on the website where we could have recommended trades people.

Meeting closed.