

MINUTES for GCRA Committee Meeting

Tuesday 14/06/2016

Present:

Gus McNulty (GM) - Chair
Sam Rennie (SR) - Secretary
Denise McNulty (DM)
Jane Norie (JN)
Graham Sutherland (GS)
Jackie Sutherland (JS)
Susan Currie (SC)

Apologies

Graeme Dunbar (GD)

Absent

Michael Sharp (MS) - Treasurer

1 & 2. Welcome & Apologies

GM opened the meeting by giving apologies for those unable to attend and non-attendees.

3. Adoption of minutes from last committee meeting

Unopposed

4. Actions from previous meeting

Outstanding accounts:

As MS was absent we were unable to ascertain out status on outstanding accounts.

SR has been working on chasing up outstandings and has managed to get approximately 4-5 payments, including a cheque (which needs to be deposited into our bank account). SR advised a few letterbox notes were left to assist with these.

At this stage, a notice inside each entry/exit door to advise any flats within that block which had outstanding fees has not been posted.

SR has also been using any updated information from this to create a database for owners/agents in case emergency contact is required. Lots more work is required.

SR has contacted MS a couple of times over the past few months to get an updated list of outstanding invoices, but hasn't heard anything from MS. SR also suggested to get full access to the software used to reconcile the bank account (SR currently has read-only access) but again has not heard from MS.

SC offered to assist SR to door-knock any outstanding flat in order to get any outstanding payments.

All agree to drop a letter to MS's home address (not on the Estate) to obtain contact.

SR has since heard from MS and will be meeting up at his residence to gain full access to software. Also receive bank account details and will be depositing cheque in the next couple of days.

Trees:

GM advised that any maintenance to existing trees required Council permission due to conservation regulation. He advised the website to log enquiries was very 'unuserfriendly' and after phoning the Council was advised that, 'No one else has an issue'.

I was unanimously agreed that any maintenance necessary to trees should be the responsibility of the block of flats closest to the tree(s) in question.

Double Yellow Lines at Top of Glenogle Road:

SR contacted Councillors Lesley Hinds and Nigel Bagshaw previous to this meeting.(attendee from the AGM) for an update.

Received an email from Neil Macfarlane (Services for Communities) 16/06 and will be organising to meet on site in the next week or so.

5. Treasurer report

As MS was absent, we were unable to discuss the current monies balance.

6. Secretary report

SR advised she had been answering the usual emails and queries from residents as and when they came in.

7. Website

There has been no offer to create and take over the current GCRA website (now that our web-editor has sold and moved from the estate.

GM advised his daughter made an offer to take this on after exams. GM to follow up.

8. Recycling

All agreed the recycling was working well and possibly to organise in the near future smaller 'landfill' bins and more recycling bins.

SR advised she had spoken to the contact at the Council re this, and their response was to 'leave it for a while to see how it goes'.

9. Stairwell Lighting

As advised by Council, all maintenance to stairwell lighting will no longer be their responsibility from 30th June 2016.

It had been suggested by a number of residents for the GCRA to take over maintenance however after discussion it was unanimously agreed that this could open up the Association to be responsible for any liability of possible instances.

GM suggested one of the residents in his block was going to look into their current contractor taking on further blocks on the estate. However, due to being overseas this will be followed up upon their return.

10. AOB

Redecoration of Stairwells

JN has organised to have her block's stairwell redecorated, to include painting of walls and resurfacing of the front and rear entrance doors. She will provide further details to SR to distribute to all GCRA members for any interest and therefore possible reduction of price for all parties.

General Note: The noticeboard situated in Liddesdale Place will be updated more regularly!

Meeting closed.