

# **MINUTES for GCRA Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 9/02/2016**

## **Present:**

Gus McNulty (GM) - Chair  
Sam Rennie (SR) - Secretary  
Michael Sharp (MS) – Treasurer  
Denise McNulty (DM)

## **1 & 2. Welcome & Apologies**

GM opened the meeting by giving apologies for those unable to attend.

## **3. Adoption of minutes from AGM**

GM advised the only objection to these was from Lindsay Kenrick-Smith who advised her details about trees were not quoted correctly and wanted further details added.

It was unanimously agreed that we are not about to change the minutes to this extent and that the minutes detailed in 'point-form' the main issues.

## **4. Actions from previous meeting**

### **Outstanding accounts:**

MS advised we had two payments of £530 and £180. There were also a couple of payments received without reference.

It was proposed we conduct another letterbox drop to flats with outstanding fees highlighting that they were 'OUTSTANDING'. MS will be assisted by SR to print these.

It was proposed to post a notice inside each entry/exit door to advise any flats within that block which had outstanding fees. MS will be assisted by SR to print these.

SR also volunteered to email any owners re any outstanding fees.

All above points were unanimously agreed.

### **Trees:**

GM advised he has no update but will advise at the next Committee Meeting.

GM did advise however, that any maintenance to existing trees required Council permission. He had tried to create a login to the site to conduct a request for a tree situated near his flat but was unsuccessful. Once he was successful he will investigate the process for other trees on the Estate.

### **Recycling:**

SR advised the Committee that Campbell Clark (CC) of Edinburgh Council had been in touch, wanting to meet to discuss positions of recycling bins. Even though SR replied that his judgement would be acceptable, CC attended the premises of SR to discuss. SR and CC surveyed the Estate and plotted a map with suggested positions.

SR provided this map and it was unanimously agreed.

SR to email CC to implement asap together with posting a final map on GCRA Website once delivered.

### **Waters of Leith Private Property Issues:**

SR advised the Committee she was able to meet with Jonathan James (JJ), Calum Ross (CR) (both of Edinburgh Council) and Alan (AX) (Council Contractor from Groundworks) to survey existing 'barrier' situated at bridge near Standard Life premises and 'Bell Street' bridge plantings.

SR advised the former will benefit from another 'barrier' secured to the railings of the bridge with further planting of holly (as the rose bush plantings seemed unsuccessful at this stage).

SR advised the latter will benefit from further planting of holly (as the rose bush plantings seemed unsuccessful at this stage). It was also noted some holly plantings were broken/damaged by further trespassers.

### **Double Yellow Lines at Top of Glenogle Road:**

SR advised there had been no update and so will contact Councillor Lesley Hinds (attende from the AGM) for an update.

#### **5. Treasurer report**

With reference to the above, hopefully any 'anonymous' payments received will be resolved by MS and SR from the above steps.

MS also advised the receipt of an account from 'Greenscape' of £826.03. And although previously we were unable to pay in full in a timely manner, due to the receipt of the above referred payments, we will be able to pay electronically at the due date. MS did advise Greenscape have been very understanding with regard to payment of their accounts due to our outstanding fee issues but as a heads-up their fees may increase shortly as there has been no increase in a while.

MS also suggested there be no 'big spending' in the near future due to the other fees outstanding.

#### **6. Secretary report**

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

Also referring to the above re Riverbank access plantings.

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SR also advised contact from Ian McLean (IM) the Secretary for the Stockbridge Colonies Residents Association with regard to parents dropping off children at Edinburgh Academy at the rear entrance and creating a hazard for pedestrians, vehicles and cyclists. Apparently IM has been discussing the issue with the Academy and the Council for some time, with little progress. IM requested a meetup but was unable to attend this Committee meeting.

SR will contact IM to advise of a previous instance where GCRA had emailed the Headmaster whom was all too willing to assist and as a result had noticed a change in the situation. SR will suggest to either 'CC' IM in the email or provide IM with the email address to also try again from the Stockbridge Colonies Residents Association's end.

#### **General Comments**

- It was suggested to ascertain how the GCRA website was fairing with footfall/hits. SR to contact Rik to provide a report.

Meeting closed.