

GLENOGLE COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM
ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018 IN STOCKBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH

Present

Jill Andrew, Doreen Boyle, Chris Brannan, Ysabel Collyer, Colin Dempster, Fiona Dempster, Dorothy Dobson, Mor Kandir Eltanane, Carol Fraser, Patrick Honeybone, Anne McCarthy, David Mackenzie, Christopher Muniz, Jan McNee, Jane Norrie, Michele O'Toole, Sam Rennie, Carole Shaw, Jackie Sutherland, Graham Sutherland, Sandra Smith, Tom Smith, D Watson and resident from 1/3 Ettrickdale Place.

In Attendance: Councillors Gavin Barrie, Max Mitchell and Hal Osler

Apologies: Caroline Crawford and the Smarts. The Community Police Team.

1 Welcome

Jill Andrew welcomed residents and Councillors to the meeting. She advised that the meeting was quorate in terms of the constitution.

2 Chair's Report

Jill Andrew reported that, although it had been a quiet year overall, the Committee had been busy with gardening matters and organising the summer BBQ. In addition, the collection of subscriptions had gone well due to the efforts of Sam Rennie, Treasurer.

The committee would welcome interest from residents in the work of the committee and Jill stressed committee members are volunteers rather than professional advisors or factors. While the role of the committee is to ensure the amenity of the estate is as good as it can be, there are some things the committee does not deal with, eg individual repairs, factoring and the trees within block boundaries.

3 Minutes

The minutes of 24 November 2017 were noted.

4 Secretary's Report

Patrick Honeybone reported on efforts to improve the management of the landscape contract. The committee had had a walk-a-bout to identify current problems and possible improvement works. However plans had not been fully implemented and remain "work in progress". Where residents are concerned about work the contractor should do but has not, they should advise the committee by emailing secretary.GCRA@hotmail.co.uk or by dropping a note to one of the committee.

Jill Andrew advised that the committee considers the contractors prices are competitive and there are no proposals to seek another contractor.

5 Treasurer's Report

Sam Rennie spoke to the accounts and advised that the overall financial position is satisfactory. Four subscriptions for 2017/18 remain outstanding and those owners are being pursued. Invoices for 2018/19 have been issued and the on-line payment arrangement has been successful with 70% of subscriptions received.

As the Association is up-to-date with payments due, it may be possible to transfer some monies to boost the reserves of circa £1k. No increase in that the subscription of £100 is proposed for 2019/20.

Adoption of the accounts and subscription rate for next year was proposed by Jill Andrew, seconded by Michelle O'Toole and unanimously approved by the members.

Sam Rennie was thanked for her hard work and successful results.

6 Appointment of Committee

Interest in joining the committee was invited and Mor Kandir Eltanani volunteered. Sam Rennie advised the website will be trialled for another year and interest in assisting to update and develop it would be appreciated.

As there were no further volunteers, committee members for 2018/19 are Jill Andrew, Mor Kandir Eltanani, Carol Fraser, Patrick Honeybone, Michelle O'Toole, and Sam Rennie.

It was confirmed that most blocks have block representatives.

7 Edinburgh City Council

All of the councillors for Inverleith Ward had been invited to the AGM and three of them attended: Gavin Barrie, Max Mitchell and Hal Osler. They were introduced to the meeting. They stressed they work collectively on ward issues and residents are welcome contact one or all of them with any problems. Details can be found at the end of the minutes.

The following matters were discussed.

Refuse

The Councillors outlined the new collection system that had been introduced. This operates Tuesday to Friday and the schedule for pick-up can be found on-line. The Councillors confirmed the system is not working well and there are problems across the city with both landfill and re-cycling. In some cases individual bins are being missed, in others whole streets are affected.

Reporting problems via the Council systems is not effective and residents were urged to notify issues direct to the Councillors. While it could be more efficient to report collectively, eg via block representatives, the Councillors are happy to receive individual complaints and suggest residents advise them of problems as soon as they arise. When doing so, residents should indicate the precise nature of the problem: whether just one bin has been missed or whether the whole collection has been missed, for example.

Repairs to bins, eg new lids, should be reported. New bins can be requested but the Councillors doubt these will be supplied.

Roads

Problems on Glenogle Road were highlighted to Councillors.

There is a long outstanding request from residents for double yellow lines on Glenogle Road at the bend close to the junction with Brandon Street. Parked vehicles make this dangerous especially at week-ends. Despite a meeting with officials some 12 months ago, there are still no lines. Councillors explained that there is a lengthy procedure for approval of yellow lines and the current timescale is about 18 months. However, the stretch concerned is not included in the current list, possibly as a result of an official leaving the Council (this matter has been discussed previously with the council and the GCRA had been under the impression that it was resolved). The Councillors will pursue the matter.

The problem of cars parked on roads being re-surfaced resulting in small areas of road being untreated was considered. While drivers can be “ticketed” for parking, the problem is difficult to resolve as contractors have agreed schedules to meet.

The 20mph signs on pavements are both ineffective and an obstacle to pedestrians with mobility difficulties or pushchairs. It was suggested the signs should be replaced by speed limits painted on the roads. The Councillors advised that, while they are happy to put this suggestion forward, there are views within the Council that speed limits on roads are best used to indicate changes in the limit from 30 to 20.

The Councillors offered to raise the matter of speeding with the Community Police Team.

The dangers caused by parking by parents on “the school run” to the Edinburgh Academy were noted.

8 Any Other Business

2019 Events

The Councillors reported that a “Big Event” is being planned for Sunday 23 June from 11.00 to 4.00. Raeburn Place will be closed to traffic and it is hoped many community groups will participate. Details will follow in due course.

The GCRA annual picnic will be on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in June.

Details of the annual Water of Leith clean-up will be posted on our website.

Parking spaces

The matter of the 4 undesignated parking spaces in Ettrickdale Place was raised. The history of parking issues and possible implications were noted.

9 Date of Next Residents Meeting

To be confirmed.

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Further details are available on the Council website:

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/councillors/specificWard/8/inverleith>