

GCRA committee meeting

11th July 2023

In attendance:

Michelle O'Toole, Carol Fraser, Rachel Hinds, Patrick Honeybone, Anne McCarthy

Items of business

1. Check of AGM minutes

- a few amendments to the initial draft were agreed
- PH will ask Joe Peach to upload them to the website

2. Treasurer business - has everyone paid?

- only around 3 accounts are outstanding
- many thanks were given to the treasurers for the work on this
- it was agreed that the deposit account should be closed because there is not much money in it and it complicates the treasurer's job

3. Greenscape fee increase

- acknowledged and agreed to be reasonable

4. Payment for Zoom and the website (this is currently paid for by PH's card, and the website has been paid by JP's card)

- it was agreed that the treasurers will investigate getting a card for the GCRA account, so that costs like this can be paid that way

5. Bench replacement (as per the AGM minutes)

('Voted and agreed to uplift the old bench and replace with a timber/wooden three seater.')

- bench bought for £319
- also: Carol will arrange for the tree trunks in Ettrickdale Place to be painted

6. Survey of members about gardening (as per the AGM minutes)

("Agreed that a survey should be sent out to get feedback from residents on individual requirements, views gathered and collective agreement sought for the design of a specification, then go out to market and get quotes.")

- PH will set up a google form
- this will ask members opinions, on the gardening especially about anything to be done on their particular block
- CF will ask the gardeners for a walk-round afterwards, and for the bushes on the riverbank to be cut back a little

7. Committee membership

- one member had offered to join the committee, but it was agreed that this should be arranged each year at the AGM
- new committee members will be needed for next year - the committee should discuss this before the AGM

8. Picnic!

- it was agreed to hold the GCRA summer picnic on 2nd Sept Sat from 4pm
- it will not be necessary for members to bring food