

Huntly Gardens Proprietors Association

Committee Meeting

04.03.2024

6.30pm at No 6.

Attending: Lawrence Weaver Ch (4), Hilary Barclay Gardens (6), Stewart Curren N/S Road (3), Joyce Laville Sec (2), Joss Reid (9), Ronnie Kyle (2), Andy Whillance (9), Dorothy Gillespie (24), Mo Gillespie (10).

Apologies: none, as the whole committee was present.

Minute of the meeting: The purpose of the meeting was to welcome new members, appoint a treasurer, pursue further support for Hilary with gardens administration and to review the recent AGM.

- After welcoming new members, Mo Gillespie and Andy Whillance, Lawrence began by considering Hilary's request for further help with administration of the garden. Both Mo and Andy agreed to help. It was also agreed that Joss would help as back-up holder of keys when Hilary was not available.
- A wider discussion on the use of IT followed, with Andy suggesting we should be future proofing by setting up a HG website containing general information, minutes, survey results, etc. He also agreed to set up a draft format for discussion at our next meeting, with both Hilary and Stewart agreeing to forward information held for this purpose. Andy at that point stressed the need to be mindful of protection of information held.
- New members asked about our constitution. It was agreed that Joyce would send a copy of our constitution to Andy, Mo and Joss.
- Also asked were questions about non-payment of fees and how it was handled. Both Hilary and Stewart talked generally about this and how each approached individuals to encourage payment, which with their persistence was generally high.
- On the northside road, it was agreed that Stewart would prepare a draft consultation on the lighting improvements, as agreed by the AGM, liaising with Joyce to send out within next few days.
- The matter of the wood border between garden and road on north side had been raised at the AGM and was discussed further with a focus on how it should be funded. A decision on this was delayed until the planned lighting works had been carried out.
- Also raised were the railings at No 11, as Ronnie had found an iron worker willing to give an estimate on the repair. It was agreed that Ronnie would arrange this with his contact, but also emphasised that, ultimately, further progress depended on the owners' willingness to engage. It was also suggested that we as individuals might approach local councillors, but all recognised the need for delicacy in our dealings with the current owners.
- Lawrence proposed Mo Gillespie as Treasurer with Andy Whillance seconding. Mo accepted and was agreed by the committee as Treasurer.

- It was pointed out that, other than Dorothy, we had had no input from south-side residents at the AGM. It was agreed to wait until the new website was established before making further communication on this matter.

Date of next meeting: Committee communication would continue on-line with the next formal committee meeting held in December unless required before then.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm with thanks to Lawrence for chairing and hosting.

Minute prepared by Joyce Laville (Sec)

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