

Dear Householder,

In order to save time at the  
Ag 17 I have drafted a note of  
the status of play of our road  
and pavement saga. I hope you  
find this helpful and look forward  
to seeing you at the Ag 17 so that  
we can sort things out.

Julie Anderson.

Report on meeting held on 11th May 1988  
at Strathclyde House

Those present - MR BREMNER, ROADS DEPT  
MR GOW, ROADS DEPT  
MR CRANGLE, ROADS DEPT  
COUNCILLOR MASON  
JULIE ANDERSON

This meeting was held at the request of Julie Anderson in order to discuss the upkeep of footway and road on the private side of Huntly Gardens.

BACKGROUND:

- AGM 1985 - S Murdoch asked to explore possibility of transferring road to public ownership after concern expressed about
- i) the adequacy and frequency of road and pavement maintenance.
  - ii) the number of dumped non-taxed cars on the road.
  - iii) the problem of scaffolding etc is not subject to the same public safety control.
- 1985 - Meetings and correspondance with Counc Mason. proprietors would need to bring path and road up to scratch prior to adoption. approximate costs obtained from Strathclyde Regional Council.
- 1986 - Application for grant from Historic Building Council, quotations requested from Civil Engineering Firms.
- AGM 1986 - Awaiting replies from the above. It was agreed that pavement should be repaired soon.
- 1986 - Reply from Historic Buildings Council, no funds available for current year. Suggest re-applying.
- AGM 1987 - Awaiting result of the application from Historic Buildings Council for funding.
- 1987 - Application to Historic Buildings Council again refused. Updated quotes for pavement only obtained. Proprietors informed of postion and requested to contribute to pavement repairs. 80% of Proprietors have done so.
- 1987-88 Further correspondance with Counc Mason and roads dept leading to meeting. The problem being that the majority of house holders wish to improve the pavement. This is prevented by those who refuse to pay.

## PRIVATE ROAD STATUS

1. Road (Scotland) Act 1984.
  - a public road is one which is maintained by the local authority.
  - a private road is one which is not a public road.
2. Proprietors are liable for injury caused by poorly maintained surfaces outside their dwelling.
3. The roads dept has the power to impose any traffic systems or regulations it wishes.
4. Scaffolding does not have to be inspected by a Glasgow District Council and therefore maybe be unsafe.

## POINTS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

1. Legally Strathclyde Regional Council are able to enforce a maintenance order on the road and footway and then adopt it. this is providing a majority of proprietors agree to the proposal -( Roads( Scotland) Act 1984) the roads dept would not be prepared to force an order on the pavement alone.
2. Slabs were the preferred material for the pavement as they are more in keeping with the area and are easier to relay if the pavement has to be lifted at any point.
3. The cheapest way for the proprietors to have the work completed is for Strathclyde Regional Council to commission the work on their behalf. This could then be incorporated in with other work that is proceeding in Glasgow at the moment. Likely cost in the region of £12,000 for a footway and road.
4. The concern of some proprietors about adoption of the road was discussed. The status of the private road was looked upon as being unenviable. The adoption order would exclude the grass verge on the southside.
5. If the order was to proceed Strathclyde Regional Council would issue orders based on the rateable value of property and would then be responsible for collection of the dues. After the order there would be 28 days right of appeal for proprietors.

6. There was some discussion about possibility of some proprietors being unable to pay their contribution. There is a provision in the roads act for Strathclyde Regional Council to waive collection of the pavement if there is true hardship.

7. Those proprietors that have already paid for the pavement work will need to have the amounts adjusted to take into account this initial payment and the interest that has been accruing on it. It may be easier for these people to pay initially to the association who could then forward a large cheque to Strathclyde Regional Council.

8. Councillor Mason suggested approaching Councillor Logan to see if there would be any possibility of a grant from the District Council. He thought that if this was the case the Historic Buildings Council may also put up a share of the cost. There has been a precedent on the southside of Huntly Gardens where the Planning Department and Historic Buildings Council have topped up Regional money to lay slabs.

9. Work on the pavement could proceed this year but it may be necessary to wait until next year for the road work to be carried out.

10. Councillor Mason will attend the AGM on 31st May in order to answer any queries from householders.

#### POSTSCRIPT

Councillor Logan will be speaking to the Planning Dept to see if there is any possibility of obtaining a grant for the work. Unfortunately appropriate formal meetings with this department are not scheduled until June. Councillor Logan will also attempt to attend the AGM.