

Huntly Gardens Proprietors Association (HGPA)

Annual General Meeting

26.02.2024

Location: Kelvinside Hillhead Parish Church, Belmont Room.

Time: 6.30pm.

Attending: Lawrence Weaver* Ch (4), Hilary Barclay* Gdns (6), Stewart Curren* NS Rd (3), Joyce Laville* Sec (2), Ronnie Kyle* (2), Joss Reid* (9), P Barclay (6), Maureen Curren (3), Katy Evaskitas (14/1), John Miller (8) Mo Gillespie (10), Andy Whillance (9), P Dorrian (13), Bill Daly(13), Alison Dorrian (13), Jane Daly (13), Susie Reid (9), Rhona Lindsay (6a), Camille Weaver(4), Kersti Berge (5), Graham Sanders (15), R Stocks (5A).

* Denotes current committee member.

Minute of Meeting

1. Our Chair, Lawrence Weaver, **welcomed** all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Brendan Murphy* Treas(1), Dorothy Gillespie* (23), Ronald Inglis (15), Bev Shroot (24), Iain Friar (Sth Sd). No further apologies were offered.
3. The circulated **Minutes of AGM 2023** were noted and accepted.
4. **The communal Gardens Report & Accounts** had been circulated and were presented by Hilary. She summarised the results of the survey confirming no dogs in the garden, some future planting plans, reasons for the withdrawal of birdfeeder, a repair to the vandalised lower north gate and emphasised the last point in her report, LITTER - Please take it home! Hilary concluded with the accounts, reporting that a lot needed to be done to some south-side trees, both to prevent damage to the fence and to comply with Council legislation around clearance of over-hanging branches.
Asked about the annual income, Hilary reported that fees bring in about £12000 p.a.
5. Stewart began the **Road Report with the Accounts section**, emphasising the upcoming expense of the ongoing plan for the north side lighting. He outlined that existing lighting had to be replaced giving reasons and details as outlined in his report. Stewart went on to outline the costs, while emphasising that no maintenance costs had been collected last year. Lighting work would now require a lump-sum payment of £150 from North-side owners, which according to our constitution, would require a survey. The meeting agreed to this survey being undertaken.
Stewart finished by reporting no change since last year on either No.11 railings or Welcome leaflet. The following questions were then raised:
Q: Are the 2 units on the top gates included in the lighting plan? A: Because of damage to the supporting stonework, no.
Q: Who is the contractor? A: Lightways Contractors Ltd.
Q: Will there be any need to dig up roadway? A: No.
Q: Will the lights look the same? A: Yes, but taller. They will be the same as the ones in Lancaster Crescent.
Q: Can they facilitate EV chargers? A: Unlikely. This led to wider discussion of difficulties relating to tenement living and EV charging.

- 6. Setting of fees:** Following discussion of projected expenditure, it was agreed to raise the gardens fees for all to £132 per year.
- 7. Election of new members:** Lawrence pointed out that we have lost three members since last year – Brendan Murphy, our treasurer, Ronald Inglis, and John Carrigan. Mo Gillespie was proposed by Joss Reid, seconded by Lawrence Weaver, and elected by the meeting to the committee. Lawrence went on to explain that though we had had no more nominations, our constitution allowed us to co opt members to the committee. Joss Reid suggested Andy Whillance who was accepted by the meeting as a coopted member.
- 8. AOCB:**
- Q: What can be done about the railings at No 11? A: Although this has been kept in the road report, Stewart emphasised that it was not really a roads sub-committee matter, but one for an individual owner. He also emphasised that despite this, the committee had extended several offers of help over the years, all of which have been ignored. Glasgow City Council has also been involved but has yet to enforce the required work.
- Q: There was a request to cut/reduce the trees on the north side causing light reduction to ground and basement properties. Hilary said a ballpark figure would be around £500 per tree and that there are 23 limes in the gardens. It was felt that before this could go ahead, there would have to be a survey. It was agreed that the committee would discuss the matter further. The meeting agreed that this expenditure would be shared by all garden owners.
- Q: Is ‘freelance’ bird-feeding OK? A: Yes.
- Q: Can garden membership be extended to include associate members, i.e. not resident within Huntly Gardens?
- A. After much discussion, and following input on our legal position as owners, the meeting agreed to charge £156 for associate membership, with an agreed £50 returnable deposit for keys (**not** to be passed on to new owners following a property sale), and further agreed to ask associate members to make a lump sum payment. It was also agreed that associate members should be restricted, to contiguous streets with Huntly Gardens only. Also, numbers would be capped, initially at 12, but could be increased depending on interest. Finally, the meeting agreed to contact first, those who had already made a request.
- Q: Can we repair the north side wooden support separating the grass verge from the road? A: Stewart reported that work on this will be done after the lighting work has finished.
- 9. Date of next AGM:** It was agreed to continue to hold the AGM at the end of February in 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm with thanks to the chair and to all for attending.