

Buckingham, Hamilton and Ruskin Association

Extraordinary General Meeting On 19th February 2019 at 7:30pm

At the Coach House Trust, 84 Belmont Lane, Glasgow, G12 8EN To approve minor revisions to the Constitution and discuss the issues overleaf Tea and coffee will be served from 7pm

Committee: Frances Goldman (Convenor, 19 Hamilton Drive), Tony Hughes (Vice-Convenor), Joanne Clarke (Treasurer), Colin Miller (Membership), John Butterworth, John Elder, Christine McGuigan, Susan Triesman

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The association has been in existence for more than 30 years and has represented the area comprising the residential area bounded by Ruskin and Buckingham Terraces, Queen Margaret Drive, Hamilton Drive and Hamilton Park Avenue since 1994. In the past the BBC was a corporate member and hosted AGMs and other events. We now welcome the residents of the newly built housing in Hamilton Gardens and Hamilton Drive and would like to encourage them to join.

Our aim is to preserve and improve the amenity of the area and to bring together the local community by organising events. We organise neighbourhood clean-ups with the help of the council, and social events – most recently we held a party in the grounds of G1's offices on a very rainy day last summer and a clean-up in November. We also liaise with the Hillhead Community Council.

In the interests of preserving the amenity the Association, liaising with Barratt, was very active when the new housing development at the BBC site was being planned and built. We are still concerned about various aspects of the development, including the impact on the turning space at the bollards on Hamilton Drive. We have suggestions for improving this.

We are clear that the terraces and Ruskin Lane should not be used as a rat-run for commuters, and continue to monitor this. We have been active in consulting on planning applications and looking at the parking scheme and how it impacts residents.

We monitor the problems of the excessive number of bins in Ruskin Lane, lack of street cleaning by the council and littering. We look for solutions in consultation with the Cleansing Department.

If you are already a member, thank you. If not, please join. The greater our membership the more influence we have, which will help us to safeguard the amenity and open space in our area. Membership costs £10 per household, and runs over the calendar year. Cheques/cash can be handed to any member of the committee.

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Current issues:

The Constitution.

The garden at the end of Hamilton Park Avenue – the Viewpoint – is currently rather neglected. It was previously cared for by the Coach House Trust, but they are not currently involved in looking after it. The committee believes that the best solution is to bring the area back into public use by creating a community garden there. We are working to find a partner – possibly the CHT – to take a lease and help us create a welcoming garden there. If we cannot find a partner, should the BHRA investigate taking out a lease itself? Are there other suggestions for using this space?

The BHRA is consulting with Hillhead Community Council about the proposed new arrangements for rubbish/recycling collection in the area, street cleansing and other amenity issues.

Turning spaces on Hamilton Drive have been severely reduced by the recent housing development and as a result delivery vehicles reverse down the length of Hamilton Drive, often rather fast. We would like the turning space altered so that it is viable again. Reducing the size of the turning space was not part of the original plan.

We would like the use of Buckingham Terrace and Ruskin Lane as a short cut to be curtailed, and would welcome suggestions on ways to achieve this.

We are compliant with GDPR. Email gives us a way to inform our members about issues which affect the local area. If you provide your email address you will first get an email asking if you are willing to be contacted by the Association. If you reply indicating that you are, you will get any newsletters we produce and other communications relating to association business.