

Buckingham, Hamilton and Ruskin Association

Minutes of the meeting held 22 May 2019 at 19 Hamilton Drive

1. Frances Goldman welcomed those present.
Present: Joanna Clarke, John Elder, Frances Goldman, Christine McGuigan, Colin Miller
2. Apologies: Tony Hughes
3. Minutes of meeting on 2 April: approved
4. Matters arising
 - a. Viewpoint.
The community cleanup on 20 April went well.
John Butterworth is corresponding with Frances in relation to planting schemes.
Agreed that the Association should try to keep the garden open and available for public use.
 - b. Summer social event.
The Association's Summer event will be due soon. Discussing potential dates and agreeing on Saturday 22 June at Noon. Frances will try to investigate the position in relation to a temporary licence for the Viewpoint. John to check the position on the Council bye-laws on alcohol in public spaces. If necessary alcoholic drinks can be served in private gardens. Discussing arranging the marquees and catering.
 - c. Hillhead Community Council update.
Frances reporting that not much of direct relevance to our area. We enquired again about getting community information boards installed. HCC didn't think the triangle at Queen Margaret Drive/Great Western Road was the right place for one, there will be work coming up in Byres Road to widen the pavements, narrow the roadway, provide a cycle lane etc. and the area may be affected by that.
There is a community information event again at Glasgow University on 28 May in the Wolfson Medical Building in relation to their campus redevelopment – registration required via Eventbrite. Frances will circulate details.
 - d. Common property/areas
A landlord of a flat in Buckingham Terrace contacted Frances to ask for help in getting his neighbours to contribute to the upkeep of their common areas, as their factoring company has been unsuccessful in doing so. Agreeing that it is not for the Association to become involved in individual cases but we could try to raise awareness of the obligations of owners to contribute towards maintenance of common areas (for example the riverbank, the terrace above Hamilton Drive, the landscaped areas fronting Buckingham and Ruskin Terraces). This includes keeping streets and pavements clear of hedges, trees etc which should be kept within the boundaries of properties.

e. Roads etc.

Tony advised that at the moment Hamilton Gardens are apparently not covered by the permit parking scheme, so far as the traffic wardens are aware anyway. They say that the line of the area covered by the scheme was drawn outside the former BBC; Tony thinks it may in fact have extended to the river though. Tony says Barratts may have to go to the Council about it. If there does require to be a new traffic order it may be an opportunity to address the inadequate turning areas at the bollards in Hamilton Drive. He will contact DRS at the Council and cc Ken Andrews and Martha Wardrop.

f. Membership strategy

We had some new members join at the community cleanup event, and Frances will ask the landlord who contacted her to discuss common repairs issues about joining.

Discussing whether we should have a messaging group (Whatsapp etc).

We need one or two more committee members to replace those who have left. People from outwith Hamilton Drive would be useful for diversity. Discussing possibly targeting recruits from Hamilton Park Avenue, the Terraces or the new development.

g. AOCB

Frances will produce another newsletter draft and circulate.

Christine mentioning that the Council have imposed a condition in a new planning permission for their property that the garden boundary wall, which was constructed by Barratt in the last year or two in accordance with their planning permission (with brick to low level and timber on top) must be replaced with a new entirely brick wall. Their position is that all the properties in Hamilton Drive should have brick walls between the gardens. Discussing that is not the historic position, few of the boundaries are/have been brick walls. Agreeing that we are happy to support the retention of the existing wall.

h. Date and venue of next meeting.

To allow time before the Summer event, the next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 June at 16 Hamilton Drive.