

Buckingham, Hamilton and Ruskin Association

Minutes of the meeting held 2 April 2019 at 15 Hamilton Drive

1. Frances Goldman welcomed those present.
Present: Joanna Clarke, John Elder, Frances Goldman, Tony Hughes, Colin Miller
2. Apologies: Christine McGuigan
3. Minutes of meeting on 16 January and AGM on 19 February: approved with minor corrections
4. Matters arising
 - a. Viewpoint.
Following the AGM John Butterworth emailed Frances to suggest planting both vegetables and flowers. Colin suggesting complementary planting scheme. Tony suggesting potentially no vegetables at all. Colin highlighting issues of biodiversity and the planting working for insects etc.
Frances has contacted Gordon Fisher, DRS Glasgow City Council again and attended a "green space growing day". She saw the "Stalled Spaces" initiative at the Council and website and contacted them by email, but they forwarded it to Gordon Fisher at DRS to reply to us again as they don't consider it meets their criteria. Frances seeking to arrange a meeting with Gordon and one or two other committee members.
Frances also attended a Maryhill Growspace meeting (she was unable to get a place at the Hillhead meeting) and got another contact name in the Council at Environmental Services who she will email about use of the Viewpoint.
Gordon Fisher has confirmed to Frances that residents are free to use the garden as has been the practice historically. Frances and Colin proposing to do some maintenance work at the garden tomorrow, and Frances will contact the CHT about supplying plants.
 - b. Cleanup.
Frances suggested 20 April as the date for the next cleanup. April is "clean Glasgow" month which is appropriate. She will arrange for black refuse bag collections at the Viewpoint, at the foot of Buckingham Street, and look to involve Ruskin Place and the three Terraces.
The Council have at last cleaned the gutters and pavements on Hamilton Park Avenue. Tony noted that there have been issues with discarded needles at the Belmont St church and on Park Terrace.
 - c. Hillhead Community Council update.
Tony reported that in relation to the new Botanics development/Hamilton Gardens he's been speaking with Tom Barruffati who is a resident on ground floor Block C and chair of The Botanics Owners' Association. He asked Tony about 18 months ago if he would do some things for their association but declined to join the BHRA. It is Tom's intention that the association will report to HCC like we do. Tony explained that GCC are pitching them and us against each other to justify not acting in relation to e.g. the turning areas, and

asked Tom to contact Frances to discuss working together. He has not done so. Frances to try contacting him.

There is no HCC meeting this month. Next is second Thursday in May. Frances possibly to attend.

HCC have requested any feedback on the following issues:

- The Scottish Water works along the Kelvin, including those at the Flint Mill (to intercept the sewer outfall, the foul and storm drains are connected at the moment and the work is to install screens on these to remove debris before it reaches the river).
- Otago Lane development
- Byres Road placemaking report (Tony has made comments)

d. Roads etc.

Tony advised that the missing road markings on Ruskin Place have been reported and GCC say they will be replaced.

Road markings at the bollards on Hamilton Drive need to be done, but need to be agreed with Hamilton Gardens development first.

Bins – the bin which was removed from Hamilton Drive west of the bollards may be replaced in a less conspicuous position. If it's near the bollards it may also deter motorbikes passing through the barrier.

Ruskin Place – the fire path at the end of Ruskin Place (as you turn left or right into the lane) needs the bays and yellow lines re-painted to stop parking on the corners. The "Friends of Ruskin Lane" have cleared up the part with the inset metal fencing (it had about 40 bins located in it at one point).

The fallen tree at No.1 Hamilton Drive/Hamilton Park Avenue is being left as a wildlife preserve feature. The residents have had a report done on the remaining trees which concluded about £4,000 of work was required. Not all of the residents are in agreement (there is a mixture of owner occupiers and renters) so possibly for the factors to arrange. There are other trees in the area which look very diseased. Frances will write to the GCC arboriculturalists and put a note on the website.

e. Ruskin Lane.

Frances noted that following the resurfacing there doesn't seem to be increased traffic but it is faster now. More private hire cars seem to be using the lane. Tony suggesting could request speed bumps. Frances observing that there aren't too many children playing in the Lane any more but that lots of pedestrians use the lane and the pavements are not usable due to the bins.

f. Noticeboards.

Noting that we should ask HCC if they can help in provision of these.

g. AOCB

Frances will produce another newsletter. The next cleanup is scheduled for 20 April.

h. Date and venue of next meeting.

Frances will circulate an email poll to determine this.