

## **Buckingham, Hamilton and Ruskin Association**

### **Minutes of the meeting held 12 June 2019 at 16 Hamilton Drive**

1. Frances Goldman welcomed those present.  
Present: Joanna Clarke, John Elder, Frances Goldman, Tony Hughes, Christine McGuigan
2. Apologies: Colin Miller, Susan Triesman
3. Minutes of meeting on 22 May 2019: approved
4. Matters arising
  - a. Summer Social Event  
Date and venue fixed for Saturday 22 June at the Viewpoint Garden. Christine discussing where to locate the gazebos - we have one circa 3m x 3m footprint and a larger one circa 4m x 3m. She has them in storage, and she has some bunting. Catering – those present agreeing to bring food, wine and beer, soft drinks, trestle tables, tablecloths, ice and buckets. Last year's event was in Hilda's garden and she provided food – dips, crisps, pizza etc. and we could do similar again. Christine has disposable cups, large and small spoons. We will source paper plates for finger food, and paper napkins. Christine has a portable speaker to provide some music.
  - b. Viewpoint Garden  
Discussion on use and the ongoing maintenance of the site. Frances reporting that she and Colin had carried out a cleanup in the area between the walled garden and the road. The existing roses and shrubs are being crowded out by weeds there. We need to encourage people to use the Viewpoint and to garden it. We should possibly allocate planting beds to people in case of any doubt as to what are weeds and what aren't. We should investigate availability of grant funding for maintenance.
  - c. Committee membership  
Frances advised that Colin has approached an individual from Buckingham St who may be prepared to join the committee.
  - d. Tree surveys  
Frances has emailed the Council about organising tree surveys in the area. No response yet.
  - e. Hillhead Community Council  
Tony is due to attend the next meeting on Thursday 13 June.
  - f. Newsletter  
Christine produced printed copies of the latest newsletter, produced by Frances and her. Agreeing distribution by the committee throughout the area. Frances will distribute by email as well.
  - g. Local clean-ups, refuse collection  
Frances to ask the Council about removing the excess food waste bins in Ruskin Lane; she estimates that about 60% of them are unused. Tony advising that most of the food waste bins have been removed from Hamilton Drive Lane.
  - h. Turning points on Hamilton Drive

Noting that a couple of vehicles have crossed through the barrier between the bollards. Tony advising that that they are only supposed to have a gap 1.7m wide between them to allow bicycles and double buggies to pass. Discussing potential relocation of a litter bin in line with the bollards and whether it should be set back or visible from the roadway to encourage use.

i. Continuity of Membership

We will encourage members to join or renew at the Summer Party. Christine suggesting an emailed or posted reminder to pay the annual membership. Joanna suggesting that having a bank account with a standing order facility would be useful and save chasing renewal payments. Discussing that the membership year runs November to November.

5. Date and Venue of Next Meeting – to be determined.