

Committee Meeting
8th February 2024
64 Liberton Drive
Minutes and Actions

Present; Alex Hammond-Chalmers, Margaret Collingwood, David Cavanagh, Dorothy Burns-Brown, Joan Foulner, Rosy Carmichael, Rodger Stirling, John Doohan

Apologies; Debbie Barclay, Chris Barclay, Martin Reynolds

Items	Updates	Actions
1. Minutes and actions from last meeting	Minutes agreed without amendments. AGM – it was agreed that the AGM was successful and the format was correct for future events	
2. Financial Update	Joan provided a financial update The current balance is £5335 Joan reported that the membership subscriptions have fallen. We are not keeping a ledger and we agreed that this should commence to inform us of how many active members we have. There are currently 200 on the member list. It was agreed that fees to remain at £5 per person and the due date is October each year to tie in with the AGM a. A ledger should be created and completed with current subscriptions. b. An email will be sent out reminding members to pay if they have not done so already, with payment details.	Dot/Joan/David Dot

	<p>c. The email will also request that the secretary should be notified if they no longer wish to be a member</p>	Dot
3. Planning Updates	<p>a. Frogston Road East – Miller Homes - there will be a pre planning meeting regarding the 450 housing application on this green belt site on the 20th of February 3-7 pm at the Toby Carvery Howden Hall Road. Members will be emailed with information and info will be added to FB and website. It was agreed that we will object to the proposal when the application is submitted.</p> <p>b. Liberton Grange Residents – The boundary wall of the estate is leaning/bulging in several areas. Different sections of the wall are the responsibility of specific groups of residents. The residents are currently in dispute with Calla Homes.</p> <p>c. Carnbee Residents – are responsible for the costs of repair of the collapsed culvert of the Braidburn river under the estate.</p> <p>d. The Culvert at the back of Liberton Brae has now been cleared and repaired by the council £175,000. They are proposing some solutions to slow the flow upstream in the area of the kennels.</p> <p>e. John proposed to contact David Neale who has extensive knowledge of the culverts and drainage in the area to invite him to speak with</p>	<p>Dot/David</p> <p>John</p>

	us or provide some predictive information of surges and floods in the area,	
Local Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The bin problem at the top of Kirk Brae outside the flats has now been resolved and the residents are now gathering the bins in after collection and there is no further blockage of the pavement for pedestrians. b. The problem with the path in Alnwickhill opposite the park continues. The Trust are refusing to engage with the council to allow the repair of the pavement. It was agreed that all avenues have been explored for this problem for many years and it was time to let the wider public know through our social media platforms and aim to get the press involved. c. The containers in Liberton Park – Balfour Beattie, who are currently building the new Liberton High School, have offered a donation for the local area. It was agreed that we should request help with upgrading the containers and the ground around them and invite Liberton High School to take ownership for their school use and for the local football clubs. Rosy has agreed to contact the High School Depute and Balfour Beattie. d. There has also been an offer of a donation by the recent filming company in Kedslie. It was agreed that we should request new goal posts for the football field 	<p>David</p> <p>Rosy</p> <p>Rosy</p>

	<p>e. Liberton Tower. As there has been no response from the solicitors representing the Trust it was agreed that we should apply to have the Tower placed on the 'Buildings at Risk Register' held by Historic Environmental Scotland.</p> <p>Alex informed the committee that he has been in contact with the solicitors representing the Trust and explained there are several bid in for the lease of the tower. It is anticipated that the successful bidder will be announced at the end of May</p>	<p>Martin – ongoing</p> <p>Alex</p>
4. Aboon the Kirk and local video	<p>f. Booklet - Margaret updated the committee that the booklet is now ready for proof reading prior to printing. She will provide an electronic copy for others to check the spelling etc</p> <p>g. Video –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create accompanying script. David to manage with help of wider committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrip/video to be complete by end April • Script /video to Ian Stirling for voiceover end May • Launch in June - Provide electronic version of the current booklet to David for the website. 	<p>Margaret -</p> <p>Proof reading - all</p> <p>David/all</p>
5. Litter Picks	<p>There have been 5 successful litter picks now in the area and David intends to organise further picks. It is planned to repeat the litter picks on the first Saturday of the month and carry out in conjunction with other local groups</p>	<p>David</p>

	<p>It was proposed to aim for Ellens Glen and Mordonvale woods for the next pick.</p> <p>Rosy has been in contact with Jennifer Findlay, the manager of the new student accommodation at the foot of Liberton Brae. She feels the students would be very pleased to get involved with Litter picks to help integrate into the community.</p>	Rosy/David
6. Local Pond	<p>To create a Local Pond at the entrance to the golf course where there is already a piece of land which regularly floods. David has contacted the Scottish Wildlife group and is awaiting a response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex to speak with Charlie Cummings from The Greenspaces trust for some assistance • Rodger will review if we are able to apply for funds. 	<p>David – ongoing</p> <p>Alex</p> <p>Rodger - ongoing</p>
7. AOB	<p>a. Rodger proposed to apply for a Tree Preservation Order for the trees at the back e the of the field on Liberton Drive/ Alnwickhill Road. It is possible to apply for this even if you are not the land owner</p> <p>b. Jennifer Findlay (see above) has offered the committee a guided tour of the new student accommodation.</p> <p>c. Path through Liberton Park David to contact 'Paths for All' regarding funding</p>	<p>Rodger</p> <p>Rosy</p> <p>David</p>
8. Next meeting	Thursday 21 st March 7pm venue tba	