

Hallgarth Residents Association Committee Meeting 09/05/22

PRESENT: Tom Priestley (in the Chair), Amy Hardy, Carol Conyers (Treasurer), Katie Passant

IN ATTENDANCE: Maggie Passant, Giles Archibald, Lana Grindley, Karen Banks

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported apologies for absence in respect of Rachel Cadas, Elaine Cuthbertson, Liz Hendry, Peter Thornton.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held 21/02/22 were agreed as a correct record. Copies are available online at www.hallgarthra.com

3. Election of Officers

- a. Tom Priestley was happy to continue as chair and was re-elected unopposed
- b. Carol Conyers was happy to act as Treasurer and was elected unopposed
- c. Other committee members elected were Katie Passant, Karen Banks, Karen O'Donoghue

It was noted that the chair and other officials would happily hand over their roles to anyone else interested in taking them on and running the association as they see fit.

4. Treasurers Report

Accounts were presented by Carol and are available on the website www.hallgarthra.com. The association has had significant grant income during 2022 for various events and is now well funded for all planned activities. Current Account balance is £3576.69 with £195 owed to the community centre.

Action – Tom to upload accounts to website - *done*

Action – Tom to organise Access for Carol to Natwest online account

Action – Carol to chase invoice from Community Centre

Action – Tom to ask Peter Thornton on his opinion on the need for a Financial Audit - *done*

5. SuDS Scheme

Tom reported back on a meeting with Guy Widdowson (CCC) and Mike Sturt (CWT) where they showed the recent planting CWT has completed of over 160 trees as well as the clearance for the new path. Many trees planted in the brash/brambles. Willow planted in wetter areas, hazels, beech, and rowans in other areas. UU have confirmed they will also remove the fly tipping remains down there when they install the new path. Ideas of future planting of fruit trees/bushes on the Low Garth side were discussed but will need to be independently funded next year. CWT mentioned potential for a pond area to be created for encouragement of frogs/newts etc. It was noted that Tom has asked for motorcycle gates to be put in to avoid damage and anti social behaviour. It was noted that Tom has asked for a copy of a maintenance plan for the path and area so the correct team can be held to account when there is a problem. It was highlighted by Katie that the ownership of land at the end of white moss court is unclear and that some of the residents there (no.16 white moss court) object to the creation of a path. The rights of access into the bog area from white moss court will need to be clarified with CCC.

For the Acre Moss Lane side of the SuDS scheme more concerns were raised about what the finished project will look like and whether UU plan on re-planting trees in the area. We still do not have any planting plans or 3D representations of what we are getting here dispute requesting these. Residents are concerned that UU will leave it an eyesore and not of any benefit to the community or environment. Also concern at lack of clear communication (one consultation when people are busy is not good enough) suggestion that a large board with

clear written and visual representation of plans to be placed outside the area so direct residents can clearly see it and have opportunity to raise concerns.

Action – Tom to chase up maintenance plan from Doug/Guy - *done*

Action – Tom to query access rights with CCC including white moss court residents on cc - *done*

Action – Tom to chase Doug/Guy about what the planting plan is for the major part of the SuDS scheme. - *done*

6. Jubilee Event

Karen gave a detailed breakdown of events planned by herself and Elaine last Thursday. The event is planned around an attendance of 200. Some of the things they are planning include:

Food

- Served from 12:30 – 2:30pm at a total projected cost of £450
- A Cold Spread Platter
- Warm Hot Dogs and baps
- Other food from 'The Bakehouse'
- A 'Jacobs Join' Bring your own food spread
- Ice Cream van attending from 2pm
- Coffee Van attending

Activities/Entertainment

- Steve Crosgill on a PA system doing announcements & music
- Football Tournament organised by Dan Grindley including Medals and Certificates for the winners
- Jubilee Half Term Scavenger Hunt. A Facebook based hunt around the estate for kids. The winner will get an Alexa which was donated by Hallgarth Shop.
- Draw the queen competition for families with the prize of a smart watch donated by the Hallgarth Shop
- Crown biscuit decorating

Preparations were well underway for this event and it was noted that Karen and Elaine had done significant work to get everything well planned and budgetted. It was agreed that wet weather options were limited and would be prohibitively expensive to cover so would be limited to significantly reducing the event and moving inside the hall. Or just holding out until the shower passed. This can be assessed again once a forecast is known. There were discussions over the provision of drinks on the day and Karen and Elaine had decided that this would be difficult and to support the shop they would prefer to ask people to get their own drinks from there. Extra budget has been allocated to decorations as it is assumed that the craft day in discussion was not going ahead. Amy mentioned she had some fabric from RagTag and that there were more opportunities in this area. Tom mentioned that around the Jubilee weekend there would likely be much decorations in the cheap stores in town. A major concern was raised by Karen about removal of the cars and barriers around the car park. Tom has taken on this action and the use of traffic cones pre event was discussed. It was noted that we do not have enough tables and chairs for the outdoor space so residents will be invited to bring their own.

Action – Tom to organise barriers, traffic cones, and removal of cars

Action – Amy to contact the Coffee Van to confirm availability

Action – Amy to complete sign up sheet and certificates for events (football tournament, queen drawing comp)

Action - Amy to create FB group for scavenger hunt

Action - Amy to give Karen/Elaine the RagTag RWB bunting and red/blue checked cloth segments for decorations.

7. Community Centre Gardening

Progress has been made with the planting day organised as 22/05/22. From the cut back day on 27/02/22 it was discovered that the existing planters are root bound and all the soil needs digging out and replacing. This has been organised with a new load to arrive on 22/05/22 and a trailer to remove the existing soil and plants. 'Self Watering' planters have been sourced from KTC with dimensions 150cm x 50cm which will be delivered w/c 09/05/22 and will also be planted up. Another day/evening will be organised for the delivery of the plants from Horticare to ensure that everything is ready before their arrival in the case of low volunteer numbers. Potential for raised beds to be constructed by a local carpenter but may end up too expensive. In addition to this the remaining funds will be spent on 3 tree planters later in the year. All this has been coordinated with Karen O'Donoghue and her funded community centre improvements. Any other leftovers could be used for daffodil bulbs later in the year.

Action - Lana to ensure PPE and tools available for volunteers

Action - Lana to decide on event for the planting day (i.e. when plants arrive from Horticare)

Action - Amy to design poster and organise event promotion

Action - Lana to contact Kendal Conservation Volunteers and Kendal in Bloom to ask for extra volunteer help on 22/05/22

8. Speeding in Front of the Playground

Road traffic monitoring equipment has now been installed here to investigate the issues further

9. Communications and Newsletter

It was agreed that there is still a lack of awareness about the association and what we are trying to do for residents within the estate. To improve this it was suggested that the latest newsletter is distributed in a leafleting campaign through peoples doors.

Action - Amy to finish the latest Newsletter and send around for proof reading

Action - Katie to organise printing of the newsletter through Peter Thornton or SLDC and distribute to residents.

10. Walkaround

Latest updates on from the 26/03/22 walkaround and actions are highlighted below:

Skip next to the Community Centre - *This has now been moved*

Damaged Bollards outside the shop (I have previously reported this to Cumbria Highways in Feb 2022 reference EI/46007)

Peter - to chase up with Cumbria Highways

Footpath, we spoke to Dave at 66 and I have since spoken to Stu at 64 online. Stu says the fence is his and he will cut it back over the weekend. Dave is a SLH tenant and is happy for me to chase up SLH on his behalf to have the fence replaced like for like. Stu also mentioned that he would like to see a motorcycle gate (non moving one) put up at the street end as there is a consistent problem of motorcycles using the path.

Tom - I have emailed Lyn at SLH to ask when this will be repaired

Lyn at SLH has instructed a surveyor to come out w/c 11/04/22. Stu has cut back his hedge. No update on the idea of a motorcycle gate.

Peter - Look at the feasibility of getting a motorcycle gate installed there

Brash was observed in the green area, this was agreed as unacceptable in the long term but as the works are ongoing it was agreed best to leave until they were finished before the issue is chased up

A local resident spoke about a hole in the green area behind 14 High Ridge. He mentioned that he was also involved in previous iterations of the Residents Association.

Peter - Raise the issue of the hole with SLDC

Bonfire site in the green area inside Hallgarth circle. This was agreed to be unacceptable and needed clearing, to not clear it gives a message that this sort of activity is allowed.

Peter - Raise the issue of the clearing the bonfire with SLDC

Grit Bin at Southern side of the playground tipped over, which we tipped back up

Peter - Report to Council to be cleared up

Tyres left outside 1 Low Mead – *These have now been moved*

Chain on the gate into the playground appears to have been cut and a different padlock put onto it – *Susan at Homegroup has been giving out the key to contractors for access.*

Speed tubes to be installed in front of the playground to monitor car speeds in that location – *These have been installed*

It was agreed that the next walkaround will be organised for when we believe there are significant issues which need addressing.

11. Anti Social Behaviour on Paths

It was noted by residents that someone has been spreading broken glass on the path between Overdale Close and Bishops Dale Close. There is informal evidence to say this is a local resident acting to try and discourage dog walkers from using the path due to concerns over dog fouling. All in attendance condemned this approach as unproductive in reducing dog fouling and not conducive to increasing a sense of community of the estate.

Action – Tom to make contact with PCSO regarding glass on paths – *no longer necessary*

Action – Tom to investigate Facebook post about glass on paths -*done*

Note that this was investigated and found to have been caused by local kids who were told off by their parents and told to clean it up

12. SLH Garages Site Management Plan

No further progress on this

13. Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be 22nd August at 7pm

Action – Tom to book the Hall

14. Any Other Business

Action – Amy to update meta data on website to improve google search results

Action – Tom to add PCSO contact details to Facebook Group page -*done*