

# Hallgarth Residents Association

## Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Attending: Tom Priestley (Chair), Amy Hardy, Peter Thornton, Giles Archibald, Karen Banks, Liz Hendry

### Grass Cutting

New tree planting line by electricity sub station – being quickly overgrown by encroaching grass line. Resident who lives opposite has previously expressed concern at loss of cut grass area.

ACTION – Peter to enquire if the council could use the new tree sapling line as a guide to trim grass to around round hill

### Fallen Trees

Tree down on Hallgarth Circle green area – not removed and now becoming overgrown. Images taken by Tom P and reported to Peter Thornton

ACTION - Peter to arrange for the fallen tree to be correctly disposed of

### Anti Social Behaviour

Tom has spoken to new PCSO – requested more police presence on the estate.

No major occurrences of ASB during Bonfire Night, Halloween or Christmas. There seems to be a winter lull in activities.

Liz – no response from new police superintendent despite contacting a few times in an attempt to get them to the committee meeting. No new developments.

ACTION – ALL continue to encourage residents to report any ASB via the police reporting website, including via comments on FB group.

ACTION - Peter to follow up regarding lighting on MUGGA staying on until 11pm – request change to 9:30pm. Note that it has been reported that it is possible to change this at the light as they have been vandalised

### Footpaths and Gates

No response from council to Giles regarding letter to council on dangerous path to St Thomas.

Gate to MUGGA angle-ridged open again. Tom emailed Susan Halsall (Homegroup) – responded that they will refer to maintenance team to find a better option, in the meantime will replace with a new lock.

ACTION – Tom to check if gate has been cut again. Continue to report to Homegroup if so.

ACTION – Giles to follow up regarding letter to council on dangerous path, and completion of the tarmac for the path to the existing pavement

ACTION – Carol to report the pavement outside her house to the Council via their site

## Finances

~£600 available.

ACTION – Carol to add cost of 2 hours hall hire for Halloween event

## Bulb Planting

Tom bought approx 150 bulbs, planted in the Hallgarth Circle area, planted by himself, Amy, and another resident. Planted by streetlights and signs to avoid being cut by mowers. Amy also cleaned two street signs.

## Event: Spring Clean

Potential to create a 'Hallgarth Spring Clean' event – litter picking, sign cleaning, fly tipping (at least documenting/recording and reporting).

ACTION – Tom to organise a Spring Clean our Estate event to clean up street signs and litterpick

ACTION – Amy to look into how to report different issues regarding cleaning/tidying of estate, and how long they would take to be fixed.

## Hallgarth Community Centre

Development of outside space. Karen/Elaine to feedback on progress at next meeting.

## Hallgarth Garages

Response from Sean Ellam at SLH. Community garden ruled out due to number of issues and responses from residents. Allotments also ruled out due to issues with changing land levels, access/parking, and access to water/power. Other suggestions (improving/rebuilding garages) being explored and costed. If garages are refurbished, could SLH look into providing electric car charging ports, or at least keep in mind as a future development?

ACTION – Tom to get in touch with SLH to discuss refurbishment/replacement of garages

## New SLH development (land west of High Sparrowmire)

No developments.

## Flood Scheme Area (Round Hill)

Seems to be working well through the 23/24 winter flooding so far, though some concern over large puddle routinely forming, but not threatening any properties or the road. Tom and Amy routinely checking for any blockages to drains.

## Path to Burneside

Ruts filled in but with same material, so could expect ruts to quickly return. Drainage cuts need adding.

## Pavements

Area outside High Sparrowmire 44 bus stop is still awful – covered in mud and ruts/dips for ice.

Area opposite shop corner very bad.

Peter noted there was some funding potential for pavement upgrades in the future

Encourage residents to report on website, can include photos and WhatThreeWords for location.

ACTION – Tom to post on FB asking for reports of poor pavements/pot holes

ACTION – Giles to invite WAF council to hallgarth on walkaround

## Snow Clearance

Council not clearing the full bus route currently (Kettlewell/Acre Moss). Seems to be following the old bus route?

New grit bin to be installed at top of

ACTION – Peter to push changes to gritting/plowing route to include the full bus route.

ACTION – Amy to email Peter with wrong grit location on location map (change map, don't move the bin!)

## Bins

Request from resident for more bins in Acre Moss area.

Also need for another/bigger bin in shop area, as bin regularly overflowing and litter being blown around.

## Green Space

Request from resident via Giles to turn Peat Bank into play area.

ACTION – Tom to check ownership of area (Homegroup?)

ACTION – Giles to put resident in touch with Tom to explore option of play area.

## Kendal Youth Zone

Adam Edwards of Kendal Youth Zone looking to expand the Youth Zone into other areas of Kendal. Kendal Youth Zone has worked with Hallgarth before, discos etc.

## Events

Karen – will probably run an event for Easter (maybe Crafternoon?)

Karen – Halloween and Christmas children party both went very well and were very well attended. Some issues regarding numbers – Christmas party very quickly fully booked. As centre has a limited capacity, only answer is to hold more parties split by age groups but would require more volunteers as Karen and Elaine already organising majority of events.

ACTION – Tom to find more volunteers (volunteer drive event?)

## Community Centre Planters

Planters, although lovely, require lots of upkeep/weeding. Currently Carol doing a lot of weeding.

Should Kendal Town Council be responsible for upkeep of the planters, as they have the KTC badges and other similar planters around Kendal maintained by KTC.

ACTION – Giles and Liz to raise planters with Andy Blackburn, chair of Kendal in Bloom, to be included in weeding schedule and report back.

## Crossing at Sparrowmire Lane

Reports from residents regarding dangerous road crossing for school students at Sparrowmire Lane/Low Garth.

Officers to review safety of the crossing, but Giles yet to hear back from them regarding results.

ACTION – Giles to report back at next meeting

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm