



Hallgarth Residents Association Committee Meeting

Monday 8th September, 7pm at Hallgarth Community Centre

Attending: Sam Peruzza, Carol Conyers, Amy Hardy, Elaine Cuthbertson, Cllr Peter Thornton

Apologies: Karen O'Donaghue, Cllr Liz Hendry, Cllr Giles Archibald

Finances

£640 in total.

£300 from Big Green Meet, £150 from Kendal in Bloom, £264 Lottery Fund.

Negative general funds due to renewal of website domain and hall hire.

Potentially need to ask for donations from residents to maintain website presence (rather than relying solely on Facebook)

Hallgarth Community Centre willing to take 50% off the current owed amount as Residents Association is beneficial to the community centre. Thank you!

Actions from previous meeting (19th May)

1. South Lakes Housing - Sam emailed in May with meeting minutes and constitution but apparently these were in the wrong format (?). Sam has emailed them three times but without any response. Cllr Pete recommends that we create a standard agenda to be used each time, to be posted on Facebook and the website. Elaine has also had difficulty with South Lakes Housing not responding to emails or asking for information already given.
2. Bank account details – have been updated, Sam now has a bank debit card for the association bank account. Tom Priestley (former chair) has been removed.
3. Constitution has not yet been updated as Sam was waiting for promised help from South Lakes Housing.
4. Website - details now updated, Tom Priestley removed.
5. Disability access to the park – Cllr Pete and Sam met with Polly Straker from the council. She will be looking at the entrance, while Cllr Peter looks at the drop kerb.

ACTION – Cllr Peter to continue to follow up.

6. Community centre garden funding – promised meeting hasn't happened.

ACTION – Sam to email Cllr Giles Archibald regarding meeting.

7. Notice board – Cllr Peter has confirmed that the council owns the land at the top of the school hill so a notice board can be placed there. Sam has costings and photos of the preferred board.

ACTION – Sam to send Cllr Peter the costings, weblink to preferred notice board, and photo of the proposed site, to be passed on to the member of the council that will be dealing with the installation.

8. School path gritting and addition of a grit bin – Cllr Peter found there is one already there. It should be filled by the end of September.

ACTION – notice to be put on Facebook that all grit bins should be refilled by end of September, and if any aren't then please could residents report it via the website (and provide link), and to continue to report them throughout the winter if needing refilling.

9. Potholes – have all been done! Any that reoccur to be reported via the website.
10. 20mph speed limit – consultation time has now passed.
11. Great Big Green Week – was not able to go ahead as ran out of time and had issues with insurance. FutureProof Cumbria (grant providers) were notified and they are happy for us to keep the money (£300) to do a different event in keeping with the themes of the Big Green Week. Sam and Elaine have had an idea of repurposing pumpkins after Halloween, hosting an event on Saturday 1st November inviting residents to bring their pumpkins to turn them into bird feeders.

ACTION – Sam and Elaine to develop pumpkin party idea using Big Green Week funding.

12. DBS Checks – not essential but advised for committee members.

ACTION – Carol to look into details and costs of DBS checks.

13. Cllr Liz Hendry to get in touch regarding Green Party youth group – there isn't really a youth group but Liz will keep in touch if anything develops.

Meetings

Carol suggests that we change the name from 'Committee Meeting' to 'Residents Meeting' to encourage residents to attend meetings and improve representation.

ACTION – Amy to change name on Facebook for future events.

Any Questions – BBC Radio 4

Carol suggests we apply to Any Questions on BBC Radio 4 to see if we could host a session in the community centre.

ACTION – Carol to look in to details of application.

Flags

There has been a concern from a resident regarding the union flags being put on lampposts without seeking permission from the residents living adjacent to the flags.

Cllr Peter - the Council's position is that anything attached to lampposts, regardless of the message, will be removed. The Council will be removing the flags soon. However the Council has no problem with residents flying flags on their own property.

Fundraising

Sam has signed the Association up to Easy Fundraising, a website and app that allows people to donate a % of amount when making online purchases to their chosen charity/organisation. Potentially could raise the Association £100s if used by residents.

Sam has trialled it and has already raised £2! Payments come through every £15.

Sam has posted this on Facebook.

ACTION – Amy to send to Sam the high res version of the Easy Fundraising poster.

Sam has looked into a 'Guess the Elf Name' scratch game to be played on Facebook as a way to raise funds - £1 per guess to win £100. Potentially might need a gambling or gaming license.

ACTION – Sam to research whether the association needs a license to run the 'Guess the Elf Name' game.

Next Meeting: Monday 12th January 2026 at 7pm