



Powderhall Village Owners Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2008

Present: Roddy Martine (Chair), Gordon Chrumka, Bill Scott, Ian Corbett (acting Sec.), Kathryn Tomlinson, Sharon Lennie and Stephanie Scott. Peyman Taheri attended later.

Apologies: Joanna Bytheway

Agenda:

- Appointment of Secretary
- Parking Update
- New Door Entry System
- Matters Arising from AGM
- Website
- AOB

Appointment of Secretary:

None of the committee members were willing to become Secretary. Ian reluctantly agreed to keep secretarial matters ticking over until a permanent replacement could be found, provided Sarah, our Factor, was prepared to take over the responsibilities for parking at Powderhall.

If anyone at Powderhall would be willing to join the committee, please contact Ian Corbett on 467 8089. Being prepared to minute future meetings would be appreciated.

Parking Update

The committee has been compiling a database of owner/occupiers and tenants at Powderhall in advance of issuing new parking permits later in the year. Information on about 80 of the 335 residences at Powderhall is outstanding. Our Factor Sarah has agreed in principle to taking over responsibility for administering the parking scheme at Powderhall and this will be discussed with her when Roddy, Ian and Sharon meet with her on Friday 22 February. Other items to raise with Sarah include suggestion that Letting Agencies should be encouraged to ask for a returnable deposit of say £50 when parking permits are issued to tenants, and this should be the charge for issuing replacement permits to Agencies only, the replacement cost for owner/occupiers remaining at £10. It was also agreed that when the new permits are issued, the covering letter should advise residents that permits should be used at all times, including overnight and at week-ends.

Roddy told the committee that Andrew McBride of the Council's Planning Dept. had still not got back to him regarding a face-to-face meeting to discuss McBride's intention to overturn the agreement, made in 2006 with his predecessor in the Planning Dept., that only 31 Powderhall parking spaces would come under Council control.

Action **Roddy to e-mail Louise Lang to ask her for a short face-to-face meeting so that we can ensure she understands what has gone on previously, and to tell her that Andrew McBride has still not got back to us about a meeting with him that was promised well before Christmas.**

It was reported that after a period without a warden following Andy Girvan's resignation from CT, a new warden Chris has been recruited by CT and has started work at Powderhall.

New Door Entry Systems

The timetable for this work will be discussed with Sarah at the meeting on Friday 22 February 2008.

Matters Arising from the AGM

All of these matters are for discussion with Sarah at the meeting on Friday 22 February 2008.

They include:-

- completion of repainting of communal areas in the Brae, and follow-up work to protect corners of walls and bin store doors, and to repair and reseal tiles on ground floors.
- timetable for repainting of the Rigg; Bryant Rigg only or all of Rigg?
- gutter cleaning
- new road signs at Powderhall
- tree maintenance between 1 and 2 Brae and B&Q
- cleaning of stonework not satisfactory – show Sarah new problem behind 12-22 the Road
- fence panel behind 18 Road still not repaired

Website

Gordon asked us to check with Sarah at Friday's meeting that she is happy to work with the current arrangement of separate web mailboxes for Brae, Rigg and Road and to be notified by e-mail whenever a parking query is received in any one of these mailboxes.

AOB

Stephanie advised that Broughton Community Council meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm in Drummond Community School, and that representatives from Powderhall were encouraged to attend.

Ian asked Sharon for an up-to-date contact list for committee members and stair reps.

Action **Sharon to e-mail up-to-date list of contact details for committee members and stair reps. to Ian, and to copy to Gordon to update the Powderhall website.**

Peyman asked us to find out from Sarah at Friday's meeting if she would be prepared to arrange for a gate to be installed at the entrance to the alley behind the townhouses, the cost to be shared among the townhouse residents.

Next meeting: **Wed. 26 March at 7:30pm in 7/21 Brae.**