

Regency Park



Residents Association

Minutes of the Full Meeting - Monday 18 March 2024 at 7.30pm at Viewpark Church Cafe

Attendance: Louise McAllister (Chair), Susan Gibson (Treasurer), Jim Burns (Factor Manager), Mary Beaton, Malcolm Carmichael, Aileen Knudsen, Alistair McMillan, Vince Giannelli, Martin McCabe, Caron Hawksby, Stuart Hunter, Brian McAree, Elaine McAree and James Murphy

1. **Welcome** – Louise McAllister, as Chair, welcomed those present to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - Peter Knudsen, Les Watson, Gary McAllister, Linda McMillan and Mark Tortolano.
3. **Approval of the minutes of previous meeting on 27.11.23** – Previously delivered to all households. Taken as read and approved by Jim Burns and seconded by Mary Beaton. Louise proposed that future correspondence from the RPRAs will be by email and only where no email address is available (or a special request is made) will paper copies be provided. This proposal was approved by Aileen Knudsen and Seconded by Jim Burns – no objections were received by those present or in advance of the meeting. The move to reduce paperwork will obviously be more efficient and kinder to the environment.
4. **Factor Manager's Report** – Jim Burns presented the following report:
 - Winter maintenance programme ongoing i.e. shrub pruning etc Spring/Summer programme to start April 2024.
 - Shrubs looking neat and tidy throughout the estate.
 - Stewart, our estate gardener, has unfortunately advised us that he will be finishing up on 31 March 2024, due to an increase in work commitments in his full-time job and health issues. Jim, the Committee and residents would like to take this opportunity to thank him for keeping our estate in great shape over the past two years. Jim has hopefully managed to secure the services of some else at the same rate, who will go on a two-month trial as Jim has not seen the standard of their work before. It was agreed that a thank you card and gift be given to Stewart for all his good work over the past couple of years.
 - Jim has been trying to arrange some minor repairs to the log roll on the trail play equipment. Jim contacted April from Kompan, the suppliers of the play equipment for assistance, as the Inspection company have failed to answer Jim's request on two occasions. Jim has since got the number of the original installer who will repair the minor issues.
 - Jim is in the process of arranging Playpark inspections around June 2024.
 - Jim has secured £300.00 funding from Brian Clarke of Parklane Developments, for the maintenance of the strip of land in Aitkenhead Road running parallel to our boundary fence.
 - Contacted North Lanarkshire re the possibility of erecting 'Slow Down' signs on the grass at either side of Armstrong Crescent near the post box. They have said that if we wish to place signs on the grass areas at the start of Armstrong Crescent, then we need to get approval from the relevant factors. Jim proposed that signs could be sighted on the lampposts next to the post box and across the road, if necessary.
 - The extension to the path from Leesland and Barwood has been successfully completed by local contractor Gordon Grant.
 - Jim is still looking at topping up the play bark in both play areas. As part of his maintenance schedule, Stewart has been breaking up and loosening the existing bark, which has improved the situation.
 - A wooden fence between Scotmid and our estate came down in the storms. Gary McAllister of Leesland kindly repaired the damage with the RPRAs providing funds for the materials. Thanks to Gary.

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- A resident in Kerr Gardens recently reported a rat in their back garden. They laid traps and managed to catch the rat. Jim has spoken to another resident who used to work in this area and he advised that if anyone sees or suspects they have a rat outside their building to lay traps next to huts, mounds etc and to be careful to keep pets away from these. If you have a rat inside your premises then call a professional pest control company, or perhaps your council to solve the problem. Louise posted North Lanarkshire Council guidance on this on the RPRA Facebook page.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Susan Gibson, Treasurer, presented the following report:

Current Finances (18 March 2024)

- Bank Balance: £22,174.45
- Floats: £4,890.00
- Remaining balance of Fees: £17,284.45
- Total current arrears reduced to £1,677.05
 - Jan 2024 reduced to £1,876.45
 - Aug 2023 reduced to £2,947.30
 - Jan 2023 highlighted arrears of £7,029.00

Current Arrears and Credits

- 15 residents with arrears and the Treasurer has no concerns with 14 residents who have set up a plan to repay their arrears. One resident, after a significant period of grace, has been sent a recorded delivery letter giving 30 days notice to make contact to resolve the current position for their plot otherwise the RPRA will have no option but to take court action.
- 3 residents are in credit and Susan has emailed them to advise of this.

Outgoings (March 2024):

- Gardener - £300 per month
- Social Event – 30th Anniversary Celebrations
Deficit - £65.33 (taken from donations from previous and current residents)
 - Income - £681.00 Tickets
 - Outgoings - £746.33
 - £70.00 Nicole McLaughlin – Balloons 30th Anniversary Celebrations
 - £165.00 Big Chef – Food 30th Anniversary Celebrations
 - £511.33 Aileen Knudsen – Various costs 30th Anniversary Celebrations (ie Morrisons sandwiches £114; Cakes £31.98; Crisps £11.97; paper plates, napkins, etc £16.25; Kids Party Bags, contents and prizes £112.13; DJ £125; Magician £100)

6. **Neighbourhood Watch Team (NWT) Update** – Aileen Knudsen, Co-ordinator gave the following report:

- **30th Anniversary Celebration** – Many who attended said the recent 30th Anniversary Celebration was helpful in building our community spirit. The event was attended by 30 households ie 100 adults and 40 kids and feedback has been very positive (38 households planned to attend but cancelled later due to illness/work/other reasons). Aileen will send a survey to residents with a view to gauging interest in future events.
- **Emails** – As a result of the work in preparing for the Anniversary Celebration many of the residents provided their email address which helped with communication. The RPRA now hold 91 email addresses and a note requesting email addresses made to the remaining 9 households. Aileen will continue to work with residents to increase the number of email addresses held to help improve communications. If you haven't provided your email address please send it onto aileenknudsen@hotmail.com.
- **Neighbourhood activity** – If there are any house sales, incidents, etc in the RPRA neighbourhood please report this in the first instance to your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or, failing this, get in contact myself at aileenknudsen@hotmail.com.

7. **Chairperson's Report** – Louise McAllister, Chairperson gave the following report:

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- **Committee** - Thank you to all the committee for their continued hard work, time and dedication to their roles which ensures the excellent maintenance of the estate. Louise advised she and residents appreciate the Committee's time and effort.
Just a reminder that the RPRA are still looking for a Secretary – there are only 3 full meetings and 3 Committee meetings in a year to prepare Agendas and Minutes.
- **Facebook** – Louise continues to monitor and maintain the Facebook page, sharing anything local to keep residents aware of ongoing events, services and vacancies. If anyone has any suggestions for additions to the Facebook page, Louise is always happy to receive suggestions. Louise repeated previous advice that we aim to approve posts as soon as possible and, where we can, within 48 hours. Posts must be relevant to our role as an Association ie maintenance of the estate and details are as previously advised.
- **Website** - The website is updated and monitored regularly, with minutes of meetings and dates being shared promptly. Louise will continue to update with services and links and would welcome any suggestions of companies that residents recommend. Again, if anyone has any suggestions for the website, Louise would welcome the feedback and would endeavour to update it, if appropriate.

It was recognised that the work done by the Chair in providing useful information on the RPRA and local area on the RPRA Facebook and RPRA Website (addresses on footer of this document) contribute to the vast reduction in correspondence over the years. Credit and thanks to Louise for her work in this area as well as Chair for the Association.

8. **AOCB**

- **Dog Fouling** – It was noted that there is a significant increase in dog fouling in this and surrounding neighbourhood areas. Whilst this is not a responsibility which can be resolved by the RPRA it was agreed that Jim will arrange signs to be placed in the estate to advise offending dog owners of their responsibility.
- **Lilacland** – A new playpark has been built in Lilac Crescent, Viewpark. You can read more about at [Delight as new play area opened in Viewpark | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

9. **Date of Next Meeting** - – Full RPRA meeting will be held in Viewpark Church at 7.30pm on Monday 26 August 2024. The Committee will meet on Monday 19 August 2024 at 7.30pm.

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