

Regency Park



Residents Association

Minutes of the Full RPRM Meeting - Monday 27 November 2023 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, Les Watson, Vince Giannelli, and Martin McCabe

1. **Welcome** – Louise welcomed those present to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** – Peter Knudsen, Gary McAllister and Linda McMillan
3. **Agreement of the minutes of last meeting** – Taken as read and approved.
4. **Factor Manager's Report** – Jim presented the following report:
 - Summer maintenance programme complete and Winter programme ongoing ie Shrub maintenance etc.
 - Shrubs areas are all looking neat and tidy throughout.
 - Jim will write to Brian Clarke of Parklane early in the New Year to try and secure £300.00 funding re maintenance of strip of grass Aitkenhead Road. If unsuccessful then RPRM will fund as agreed at a previous meeting.
 - A sign 'Slow Down' at the Burns Park, Leesland was re-sited, as the wording was obliterated by one of the Virgin boxes. Argyle Signs moved this free of charge.
 - As a follow up to the Playpark inspections in June 2023, Jim has still not had a reply to his three communications and attempts to call Active Playground management for prices to attend to a few minor issues raised in the inspection reports. They have read Jim's emails as he put a read receipt on them. Jim will try and source another contractor perhaps Cargill.
 - Kerbside areas were all sprayed at the end of Summer by Stewart and Jim Burns. This will be built into the programme if NLC continue to delete it from their programme. Stewart did not charge extra for this service, however, it was agreed that an additional payment should be included in his December payment.
 - A request was made for a larger bin to be placed at the spare ground where Cowan Wynd meets Armstrong Crescent. NLC have taken the small bin away and have now replaced it with a larger one. As requested, the bin has been placed a bit further away from the houses in Cowan Wynd.
 - Future projects – play-bark for play areas, approximately 3 to 4 cubic metres per playpark at a total cost of around £700.00 to be done early 2024. It is also hoped to widen the path between Leesland and Barrwood to allow parents with buggies and children to walk side by side. Jim has requested quotes from Gordon Grant and PLR Groundworks (approx. £4,000) and Belvidere Landscaping plan to come out and quote the following week. When laying the new slabs they will have to lift and slightly adjust the existing path.
 - Jim will look into positioning 20s plenty signs at the entrance to the estate to encourage drivers to be more considerate before turning into Cowan Wynd.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Susan presented the following report:
 - Current Finances (27th November 2023)
 - Bank Balance: £23,977.07
 - Floats: £4,890.00
 - Remaining balance of Fees: £19,107.30

- Total current Arrears: £2,339.60 (Aug2023 £2,947.30) (Jan2023 £7,029.00)
- Residents in Arrears - 17 residents are in arrears (2 residents nearly paid off 2-4 mths) (1 in credit £17.00, lettered October 23 to change standing order back to £8). The Treasurer is making regular contact where appropriate.
- All residents are now paying £8 per month

For due diligence the RPRA agreed that 2 members of the Committee (Susan and Aileen) continue to receive bank statements so that more than one person has sight of the bank account. Susan has put arrangements in place through Online banking that we continue to receive a paper statement.

6. **Neighbourhood Watch Team (NWT) Update -**

Aileen will work with the NWT Street Co-ordinators to gauge interest in a social event to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Regency Park estate. Aileen will also work with another resident, Gail Smith, to make arrangements for the event and present an update at the next committee meeting.

7. **Chairperson's Report** – Louise thanked the Committee and in particular Jim, Susan and Aileen for their roles which they undertake on behalf of the RPRA.

HELP!! Louise also mentioned that the RPRA are still in need of a Secretary to undertake the work of minuting Committee and full RPRA meetings. Please consider if you think you can help and there is plenty support available from the Committee.

Louise gave an update on the contents of the RPRA website, information provided on facebook. It is recognised a lot of work has gone into setting up the website and it would be helpful to have help on the maintenance and update of the website and Facebook. Again, if you are interested and able to help please let Louise know.

Residents are encouraged to use either the website or facebook to raise any issues, provide suggestions and share views. It should be noted that the Facebook posts must be monitored to ensure the content is appropriate, fair and legal (previously this hasn't always been the case). Please bear with the current Administrators who will deal with your posts as soon as possible. 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.

8. **AOCB**

Virgin Media - Jim shared his experience on the installation of Virgin Media cabling into his home so if anyone is signing up with Virgin Media, please be aware of the following points:

- ✓ The virgin TV box which does not have a facility to record like the Sky Q box. They hope to have something in place for the future.
- ✓ Virgin Media do not support landlines as they say they are being phased out in 2025.
- ✓ If you have a wired PC in an upstairs room and your router is situated downstairs as Virgin Media tend to do, then you will need to purchase a tp-link, ie a high gain wireless dual band USB adaptor to plug into your pc to get internet access. Cost is around £12. Other than the issues above, the service was good.

Viewcare Foodbank - Some discussions took place regarding donations to the Viewcare Foodbank – details are on their website for anyone who wishes to help. They also need carrier bags if anyone has any spare.

9. **Date of Next Meeting** – Full RPRA meeting will be held in Viewpark Church at 7.30pm on Monday 18 March 2024. The Committee will meet on Monday 22 January 2024 at 7.30pm.