

MINUTES for GCRA Committee Meeting - Monday 16/6/14

Present:

Gus & Denise - Secretary

Michael - Treasurer

Jackie & Graham

Graeme

Jane

The main topic discussed at the meeting was the accounts. Michael had provided a full breakdown of the current aged receivables as well as the current state of the bank account.

This included 2/1 Liddesdale Place, who seem to have paid twice. They will either be refunded or not have to pay next year. Currently there are 10 flats still to pay, of these four of the flats are only the current year in arrears (£90). Of the other six, some are two or three years in arrears and one flat 6/4 Ettrickdale Place is due £760. 4/5 Liddesdale are refusing to pay as they are unhappy that they did not benefit from the replanting programme we carried out two or three years ago and they believe that only Ettrickdale Place had improvements made. They are also claiming that they cannot afford the current subscription fee. In light of this Michael and Gus had already discussed the possibility of offering a one of arrangement where a monthly standing order of £10 could be offered to this resident. This was agreed by the meeting and Gus will contact 4/5 Liddesdale Place. Michael stressed that this must be a one off and cannot be offered to all the residents as it would make managing the account difficult.

Also in order to collect the remaining outstanding fees, Jane suggested carrying out one more attempt at contacting either the residents or agents via email with a subscription fee request. Perhaps stating that all other residents are contributing and that the outstanding debtors are benefiting from others contributions.

Michael suggested that the outstanding debtors to the association could be listed in the accounts for the members to see. This was agreed by the meeting and will be added to the accounts and will be available for the members to see at the AGM.

There is currently between £9K and £10K in the GCRA account.

The meeting then moved onto discussing new signage for the estate. Jackie and Graham have been looking into this and had previously provided Gus with a quote for 4 signs to be placed onto car park walls and two stand alone signs erected onto posts that could be placed at the entrances to Liddesdale and Etrickdale Place. They had contacted three companies but only one had replied and provided a quote which is in the region of £500. The meeting agreed that we should progress signage now that the account is in the black. Jane offered to source one more quote before we go ahead.

The meeting had also discussed the reinstatement of the riverbank and other works as a result of the flood defence scheme. Gus said that Chris Brannan and Jan McNee are still liaising with the council who have agreed to carry out the work and that the cost will be deducted from Lagan's final bill. Gus said that as far as he was aware this work was to be carried out in the springtime, but that Chris would have the most up to date information on this.

Meeting closed.