



Minutes from Zoom meeting on September 7th 2021

Present : Cathy Train, Audrey Cardno, Pauline Reed, Rick Reed, Kim Davidson

Apologies : Mags Hazlett, Allan Graham, Eddie Fleming, Claire Barclay

Minutes from meeting on July 6th read and approved.

Bank forms have been sent to change address of group as Chris our Treasurer has now moved out of the area. Vice chair Catherine Lavery has also left the area. Good luck to both.

Our membership dropped to 7 and there was doubt whether we could co-opt our new Treasurer. We have two new members now and will co-opt Cathy Train as Treasurer when we can go to the bank and complete forms.

Cathy raised concerns about some steps in the town not just in our locality. She did report some that had been vandalised or just crumbling with age. Some have been fixed but many remain. Many garden walls are also in a dangerous condition. This concern has been raised before but no action was taken. I will email councillors on this subject

Grass cutting and weeding. Special council meeting was called due to multiple complaints from the public. They agreed a one-time cut of areas that are not their land. We have heard that the ban on the use of Glyphosate will be lifted after an opportunistic political vote. This is very disappointing. A discussion followed re the story about this up till now. I hope this is not the end of the issue and we can continue discussion for the sake of the environment and public health.

New bins have been sited around the town and there were issues with them overflowing. This is up for review, but it is not known how often this will happen.

Litter picking continues on an individual basis. An email from NLC has stated that bin bags left at the side of bins will be considered fly tipping. This is what people who litter pick have to do with the rubbish they pick up and we will continue to do so. I usually contact Hugh Hunter to uplift. We should request a formal



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procedure for this. Litter picks will resume as soon as we can arrange, but in the meantime small teams can work together on this.

Ann Docherty has been contacted re the siting of the bench opposite Our Lady's High School. She will appeal to NLC to have it moved as the intention was to provide easy access for elderly walkers and to access it you need to walk across the sloping grass.

There were local power cuts in the Fergusson Rd area street lights. Now back to normal.

I got permission to plant in the area outside my house which looks nasty as it's been sprayed with weed killer for years, the trees are very mature with huge roots and topsoil is almost absent. I will try anyway. No guarantee can be given that it will not be sprayed with weedkiller.

The next meeting should be on October 5th at 7pm.