

Attendees: SH, CW(Chair), MC, TB(Minutes)

Apologies: HH, DL, TMcD

Previous meeting minutes.

Agreed subject to not including actual names of new residents.

Follow up on actions from last meeting.

IT/Banking/Contact list

- IT – TB has login info on website. Action - consult with TMcD to see if we can sort out how to resource it/update and report back at May meeting
- Banking – Working ok with HH signature. Action - TMcD to add his signature to the authorised signatory list.
- Residents contact list – CB file found but can't open/file structure corrupted. Action - TB has an old contact list and will circulate to committee to add/update.

Centurion House

Successful residents meeting with BlueOak. Agreed actions attached.

Other points of note

- SH will “nudge” BlueOak to quickly deliver on their agreed actions arising from the meeting.
- CWaC confirmed that Centurion House residents will not be eligible for parking permits.
- TB to review the latest planning application addition regarding the 4th floor roof terrace.
- SH to feedback to BlueOak about the potential for unauthorised access to scaffolding that borders the raised bed on Water Tower Street.

Planning & Licensing

Nothing to report on licensing that requires KSARA intervention. Centurion House planning review in hand and keeping a watch on 7 King Street developments (nothing new to report).

Highways

MC commented that the pothole/protruding manhole on King Street (opposite Kings Buildings) has been reported again but council not taking any action. He asked that all committee members report it via the website and encourage other residents to do likewise to try and stimulate action.

Parking

MC commented that the positive response from CWaC on preventing Centurion house residents accessing the resident parking scheme was a positive.

Further discussion yielded some ideas to further improve provision, which we will carry forward:

- SH to circulate the email from councillor Ben Walker (via FaceBook and WhatsApp) that explains how residents can report abuse of the parking permit scheme if they observe it happening.
- MC to consult CWaC regarding 2 ideas to improve resident parking provision:
 - Remove Sunday as an unrestricted parking day (7-day parking restrictions)
 - Change King Street parking free period from 30 mins to 10 mins (as per water tower street)
- MC to circulate details of how to report illegal parking (website link)

AirBNB.

TB updated the committee on his follow up with Councillor Katrina Kerr regarding CWaC adopting a license scheme for AirBNB properties. It would appear that CWaC cannot act without legislation in place from Westminster. KK suggestion was that we write to Sam Dixon asking for her to lead this initiative.

TB presented some available statistics on the number of UK AirBNB properties (250K) and their license value if the Scottish licensing system was adopted (£30mn/year) – useful for any government in a spending squeeze.

Action – TB to construct a note to Sam Dixon outlining the opportunity.