**Harkness Crescent TRA**

**Open Meeting**

**held on Tuesday 14th May 2019**

**At Loch Centre, Tranent at 1.00pm-3.00pm**

**Present:**  I Watson, L Duff, J Fairgrieve, R Hanratty, E Brash, J Riding, A Wilson, P McHale, M Young, M O’Connor, Declan Curtis (Senior Project Officer), Claire McNulty (Housing Officer), Sue Cairns (ELTRP)

**Apologies**: K Malcolm, J Veitch, R Haig

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| **No.** | **Description** | **Action/Responsibility** |
| **1.** | **Welcome and Apologies** |  |
|  | IW welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies | IW |
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| **2.** | **Previous Minutes** |  |
|  | Proposed by LD and seconded by JH |  |
| **3.** | **Matters Arising** |  |
|  | **Parking Bays – white lines** – The parking bays have now white lines at the bottom of the bays. This is much better and can easily be seen.  **School Children congregating** – Now the schools are back this is an ongoing problem. Young people pulled the ribbon off the bench that is damaged and is to be removed at the front green; young people are still congregating in the area for lunch, leaving/ throwing the rubbish/uneaten food onto the ground. This can sometimes cause a slip danger for the tenants. They are throwing rubbish/bottles over the school fence into the Harkness Crescent garden, sometimes just missing windows/people. The language some use can also be offensive.  KM has already spoken to the school. It was suggested that the TRA meet with the school. It was agreed that IW, AW and SC will meet with the school. Hopefully KM will also be able to attend. IW to speak with KM. IW to speak to the school and arrange a meeting and let others know.  It was also suggested that pictures are taken of rubbish that was thrown in the back green so it can be shown to the school.  **Lining at the base of properties 1-10 with moss**  DC looked at the base and will explore options to address the situation. SC informed DC that JS was already aware of the situation.  **Rhones to be cleared**  JS is aware of this. DC will explore further what can be done to clear the whole building. This was done when the group began. However this needs to be done on a regular basis to prevent blockages etc  **Choice of bath/shower for amenity housing (SI/PG)**  This was discussed at the Annual General Meeting and SI and PG would explore this further. DC will discuss with SI and PG to see if a decision has been made.  **Monoblocking**  DC apologised for not notifying the group of the decision to repair the monoblocking as opposed to tarring the area.  He explained this was due to the complexities within the area for tarring ie. overhangs etc. DC went on to explain that they are currently repairing the sunken monoblocking; removing the bollards and lowering the kerb. The monoblocking will then be cleaned to remove moss etc. It may be an idea if the monoblocking was cleaned possibly annually to keep it clean and safe for tenants. | All  IW/AW/KM/SC  DC  DC  DC  DC |
| 4. | **Local Housing Partnership** |  |
|  | Unfortunately AH didn’t attend the meeting. IW will attend the next LHP meeting on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 2pm, George Johnston Centre, Tranent.  **Clothes Poles**  From the beginning of collating the ideas for the back green, it was agreed that all the clothes poles would be shared with all tenants. No poles are allocated to any properties.  A few tenants raised the fact that as agreed, there needs to be 4 x poles installed behind no.20.  **Benches**  A bench still needs to go in at the far end (Kings Road end?).  Benches for the front green need to be installed still.  It was also raised that whilst the tenants thought it would be ok to access the clothes poles at this end, it was found that it is too high for easy access. DC looked at the area and suggested steps or sloping path?  C McN will put in an application to the LHP for a greenhouse to be situated at the back green.  DC will organise gates to be put back up at either end of Harkness Crescent. He will also explore options to stop the strong wind flow becoming difficult for tenants – fencing etc.  **Middle of Harkness Crescent** - DC suggested moving the fence up to the building end and removing the split fence in the middle of Harkness Crescent. Thus creating more space in the back green for tenants and a more secure space. A gate could then be fitted for access?  The remains of the previous fencing to be removed from the back green.  The grass that isn’t growing to be revisited.  DC also suggested that signs could be put up – **‘residents only’** for the back green; ‘**residents parking only’** at either end of Harkness Crescent; **‘no parking’** to deter parking where the bollards have been.  Possibly a speed limit - either a sign and/or a road marking? To stop cars driving at speed around Harkness Crescent. Possibly double yellow lines to deter parking?  A discussion around a one way system and widening the pavement for ease of tenants was suggested. On DC looking at the area, with tenants, it was decided this may not be the best way forward at present.  It was also pointed out how hard Andrew Hogarth and his team has worked on this project in order to take it forward. While there are a few issues to be resolved, his support for this project was acknowledged and recognised. | All  AH  AH  AH  DC/AH  CMcN  DC  DC/All  DC  AH/DC  DC  DC  DC/All |
| **5.** | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | **TRA Meetings -** KM requested a change of day for Harkness Crescent meetings – possibly a Monday.  A change of day was agreed, however IW cannot do a Monday. IW to speak to KM to agree a day/time that suits both. Other attendees were happy to go along with what was decided.  **Visit from Alison Scott** – LD raised the subject of the properties being assessed in September 2018. LD pointed out that she had had water into her attic; on the visit by AS it was noted that AS couldn’t access her attic at that time, but would do so. This has never happened and LD is concerned in case the water has damaged the attic. DC said he would speak to AS.  Notes were available at a following meeting with information from AS.  It was noted that all the properties do meet the ELC standards and requirements.  **Railings** – DC will explore options of railings. | IW  DC  DC |
| **6.** | **Date of next meeting** |  |
|  | **The date of the next meeting will on**  **Provisionally :**  **Tuesday**  **25th June 2019**  **1.00pm-3.00pm**  **Loch Centre, Tranent**  **All Harkness Crescent tenants welcome** |  |