



**Powderhall Village Owners Association**  
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Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2014

**Present:** Gordon Chrumka, James Marsden, Roddy Martine (Chair), John Riley, Kathryn Tomlinson.

**In attendance:** Sarah Wilson, Charles White

**1/ Apologies:** James Campbell, Dr Aamer Khan, Frans Kooy, Andrew Logue, Ian MacMillan, William Mackie, Andrew Nisbet, Mel Shewan and Karen Shewan (Treasurer).

**2/ Approval of Previous Minutes**

The Minutes of the PVOA Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February were approved.

**3/ Update of Actions from Sarah Wilson, Charles White Factors**

**The fire damage at 4/14 Powderhall Rigg**

Repair work and stair painting is complete.

**Common Areas Re-decoration**

Properties on the Road, Rigg and Brae have now been redecorated. .

**Bin Stores and Rubbish Chutes**

Owners and Residents are again reminded that **NO LARGE BOXES** or **SOILED ITEMS** should be disposed of down the rubbish chutes as this causes blockage.

In future, the Cleaning Contractors will charge for unblocking the chutes. Sarah has placed laminated notices asking owners and tenants to be considerate on all of the Bin Chute doors, but several have already been removed!!!!

Residents are reminded that in future the Refuse Collectors will NOT remove discarded Christmas Trees from the Bin Stores. In future, these should be left on the roadside for collection.

**OWNERS and Tenants are asked to be CONSIDERATE as abuse of the Rubbish chutes impacts upon all of us.**

**Waste Collection**

There have been problems with irregular waste collection, in particular the bottle bins not being properly serviced by the Council's sub-contractor Viridor. Sarah has been in touch with the relevant parties and hopefully the situation has been resolved. Powderhall occupants and tenants are asked to be considerate of their neighbours when disposing of refuse

## **Lift Maintenance**

Work on the lift at 2, the Brae has been completed.

## **Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme**

Sarah has received a letter confirming that quotes for landscaping work have been received and the work will begin soon.

**19/06/14 to be discussed at next meeting**

## **Dog Fouling**

There have been no further complaints in this regard, but owners are asked to be vigilant and to report any abuses.

There has been an incident on the stair at 10 The Brae, and Sarah is to contact the owner in this regard.

**19/06/14 to be discussed at next meeting.**

## **Children throwing stones from wall opposite Town Houses**

There have been complains about children, possibly from Dunedin Street, taking and throwing stones from the wall opposite the Town Houses. Residents are asked to report anything they see regarding this.

**19/06/14 to be discussed at next meeting.**

## **4/ Residents Parking and Powderhall Road Adoption**

A letter has been received from David Stevens, Technical Director of Taylor Wimpey asking that the lawyer representing the PVOA be in touch with Taylor Woodrow's company solicitor. The association has appointed Jennifer Brown of Murray Beith and Murray to look after our interests and we shall be keeping owners in touch with developments.

## **5/ Upgrading of Web Site**

The re-designed Powderhall Village Web Site is now operational, and Gordon is working on improvements and looking into creating a Voting page with password to enable decision making in the future.

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## **6/ Garden Sub-Committee**

The dead trees have been removed. Mel and Fiona Sloane are to have a meeting with Brian Hunter to discuss and action improvements to planting.

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## **7/ AOB**

### **Sink Overflow pipes in Brae Bin Stores**

Sarah's attention was drawn to the bin store sinks at 1 and 2 the Brae, where the flow pipe opens onto the floor.

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## **Trees at B&Q**

Roddy has written to Helen Clarkson at B&Q headquarters, and to the Manager of the Canonmills Store, regarding the tree growth which the company had guaranteed to monitor

from 2011.

So far he has had no response and he will attempt to make contact with Ms Clarkson by telephone.

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**8/ Next Committee Meeting:**

**The next Committee meeting will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 4/6 Powderhall Rigg (Roddy's Flat) at 7.30pm.**