



Powderhall Village Owners Association
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Facebook Page: Powderhall Village Residents

PVOA Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9 November 2017

Present: Gordon Chrumka, Roddy Martine (Chair), John Riley, Richard Ross, Kathryn Tomlinson, Frans Kooy, Stuart McAllister, Duncan Calhoun.

1/ Apologies: Sarah Wilson of Charles White, Joanna Bytheway, Jane Garrett, Ramon Inglada, Dr Andrew Nisbet, Karen Shewan (Treasurer), Mel Shewan. Kevin Patch.

The Committee welcomed Duncan Colquhoun.

2/ Approval of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 August 2017 were approved.

3/ Parking Congestion on Powderhall Road.

Following Stuart's representations to Edinburgh Council, the double yellow lines on Powderhall Road have been renewed and parking along the stretch leading to Logie Green Road seems to have stopped.

4/ Artisan Canonmills Garden Development (B&Q site)

Demolition has begun and is scheduled to be completed by Christmas.

So far as we know, completion of the development is still scheduled for 2019.

Stuart McAllister has obtained details of the demolition contractor and they have been posted on the PVOA Facebook page.

Artisan have undertaken to try to ensure that all vehicles connected to the construction of the development are parked within their site.

5/ Transfer of Powderhall parking spaces and common land to Powderhall Owners Ltd.

The Powderhall Village conveyancing document is with Taylor Wimpey awaiting signature. It is understood that obstacles (which we believe related to the similar situation at the Hopetoun Village development) have been resolved. It is hoped that the signature is imminent.

6/ Lights at 6 The Brae

Two lights have been out of order for some weeks.

Action: Charles White to follow up and advise when they will be fixed.

7/ Vandalism

No reports of vandalism have been received since the last meeting. However, vigilance across Powderhall Village is advised at all times.

PC Colin Spence from Leith Walk has been designated Community Police Officer and is available to discuss concerns between 10.30am and 12.30am on the last Friday of every month at Costa Coffee in Tesco's, **Otherwise call 101.**

8/ Waste Collection

Rubbish coming down the chute at 6 The Brae has been missing the bin and landing on floor. A proposal for a skirt system has now been agreed. The contractor has been waiting on parts and the skirt was due to be installed this week as a trial.

Action: Charles White to pursue with the contractor.

Residents are reminded that they need to be vigilant about debris and the disposal of waste. **Residents are asked to make sure that cardboard boxes are broken up before being inserted into the Packaging Bin. Under no circumstances should they be left on the floor as they will not be uplifted by the Council.**

9/ Commemorative tree for Dougie Brown

A small plaque has been ordered and is to be placed beside the newly planted tree at the Rigg before Christmas.. The wording has been agreed: *In memory of Dougie Brown who did so much for the residents of Powderhall Village fondly remembered.*

Sarah/ Karen Jenkins to action

10/ Powderhall Residents Facebook

There are currently 251 Facebook members.

Facebook members are asked NOT to private message Sarah Wilson or Karen Jenkins directly through Facebook.

11/ AOB

a) Social Events:

It was agreed that we should try to organise a social event for residents in the summer of 2018, preferably outdoors on the Powderhall estate itself. This will be pursued in the New Year. Frans and Duncan will also investigate possible venues for an indoor winter social event to be held possibly in February.

b) Dog fouling

The management of dog fouling is an ongoing challenge to Powderhall residents. While pets are always welcome, it is important to remember the health implications of dogs defecating in public places, especially for those with young children.

Dogs are sometimes seen inside the gated children's play area. It is intended to put up a sign with the words PLEASE NO DOGS INSIDE THE CHILDREN'S AREA.

Action: Charles White please to get a quote for this sign.

Owners are once again requested to clean up after their dogs and, where possible, asked to remind members of the public passing through the village that they should not allow dogs to foul in Powderhall grounds.

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PLEASE NOTE : Those wishing to make contact with the Factor should make use of the Charles White contact details as instructed. The main office can be contacted at 0131-447 8191 during office hours and where a member of staff will be available to assist

Emergencies.

Residents are reminded as to how to deal with Powderhall emergencies. Sarah or Karen Jenkins will not always be available at weekends to answer Facebook reports/ enquiries.

In the event of an emergency such as fire, flood, electrical or lift fault, Charles White Ltd has a 24/7 emergency service in place and can be contacted on 0131 447 8191.

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Next PVOA Meeting:

This will take place at Gordon's flat 8/1 Powderhall Rigg on Thursday 18 January 2018.