

**Meeting of Dargavel Residents Committee
Held in Bishopton Scout Hall
6:30pm TUESDAY 5th September 2023**

Attending: Alan Hoyle, Chair, H4B (AH) , Karin Pointon H8 (KP), David Ross H2 (DR), Ross McCreight H6 (RMcC), Stephen Sutherland H6 (SS), Iain Linday H5 (IL), Diane Proctor H10 (DP), Paul Cairns H3 (PC), Mike Pelosi H5 (MP) and Scott Davidson, minutes, H33 (SD)

Apologies: None

Agenda:

			Action
1.	(a) Committee	AH asked those attending to state their names and the parcels they represented	
	(b) Secretary	AH asked if there were any volunteers for the position of Secretary- SD stated he would be prepared to take over the function after June next year when he retires from work- SD offered to take the minute of this meeting	Volunteer required for next meeting
2	DRA Formalization & Constitution	The meeting discussed the possibility of drawing up a Constitution for the DRA. We also thought it may be a good idea to set the DRA up as a charity as this would enable us to possibly obtain grant funding? AH, IL&PC were tasked with investigating what is involved	AH,IL, PC
3	Office 365 Licenses, Website – transfer of payment to RMG	AH apologised to SS as his name was issued on all resident’s accounts from RMG. Following the resignation of Roz Lithgow, Craig Massy has taken over the role of Property Manager for Dargavel on behalf of RMG.	
4	RMG Quarterly Billing	It was thought that the accuracy of the Estate Budgets seems reasonable enough. It was the feeling of the meeting that some form of cover note should be issued by RMG to give improved detail of any invoice. AH asked if we could send him a copy of our individual bills to see if RMG were being consistent in how they issue bills across the development. RMG are not updating their accounting systems when new plots are handed over on completion. This means that the costs for common areas are being divided by those previously completed and not by the up-to-date completed units. RMG will be pushed to make sure the numbers are added as and when they are completed so	

		total common costs are divided by all completed properties.	
5	Green Areas		
	(a) Dargavel Gardens	H3- Issues with performance of some contractors- Improvement notices have been issued which may then result in termination of contracts. It may be that Acer will take over those contracts	
	(b) Central Park handover concerns	AH has asked Acer to have a look round Central Park sections and let him know if there are areas that are not up to scratch. We can use this information to go back to RMG regarding any issues.	AH
	(c) DSMcG cutting of Hydrangeas in Season H32	Noted	
	(d) Estates Grounds Acer Landscapes	A spreadsheet of costings for maintenance of the areas was passed round. This was discussed and it was thought that costings were reasonable. Discussion took place re cutting more often but leaving cuttings to mulch as opposed to cutting twice a month and disposing of cuttings. Will raise this with RMG/ Acer to see what the cost implications were- It was thought that we would prefer the grass to be cut more often which could be offset against tipping costs	AH
	(e) Slateford Rd Roundabout	Discussion took place regarding the frequency of the cutting the sides of Slateford Rd up to the roundabout and near to the stone swales at the sides of the road. The General opinion of the Committee was to keep these areas tidy by cutting the grass. Will look at possibly changing this from 2 weekly to monthly which will then be part of next years schedule.	
6	Litter bins		
	(a) Do we have enough bins	It was suggested that we could have bigger litter bins as they were very often full. We could not install more bins in different areas as binmen wouldn't pick them up. We could only increase the size of the current units. Bins at bottom of Slateford Rd are often overflowing investigate if these could be changed to larger units. We don't with the large Euro type bins installed as these attract vermin and are unsightly	AH to liaise with Renco
	(b) Servicing frequency	Council bins are emptied every or other day with estate bins Thursday afternoon and again on a Monday morning	
7	Strawberry Lane	RMG had taken adoption of the lane however it had not been constructed to the correct specification. This has resulted in pooling and flooding of various areas of the	AH

		<p>pathway. Renco commissioned an initial visit and survey which we thank them for.</p> <p>We have had a cost of £5000 submitted to carry out a report on the pathway. It was thought that we should not have to pay for this as it was RMG who accepted the area even though it didn't meet the design specification. It was agreed not to commission the report but send a letter to RMG/BAE confirming that the pathway isn't up to spec and see if they will accept ownership of the problem</p>	
8	Estate Maps	<p>The meeting is of the opinion that there should be one showing all areas with their designated parcel numbers. It was thought that this should be an electronic map which could be displayed on a Residents Association website.</p> <p>Gritting of Roads and Paths were discussed – Council don't grit any adopted pathways and only do roadways into and out of estate. At present RMG arrange gritting on behalf of residents however as council will stop this service once they adopt these areas, it was agreed that we should also cease with this service.</p>	
9	10 year forecast	<p>We have received costings from RMG for a 10 year plan. We were not too confident of the accuracy of those costings so RMcC volunteered to seek out costings for the likes of stone pointing, decking repairs and lighting replacements. He will pass these on to AH once collated</p> <p>AH had projected costs forward for a 25-year plan. Accumulative costs would be estimated at £1.3m.</p>	RMcC AH
10	Facebook		
	(a) Ownership & Managment	<p>It was agreed that we should try and move this forward in a manner that all residents would be able to use and obtain information from.</p> <p>KP &PC volunteered to move this on</p>	KP &PC
	(b) RA Updates	As above	KP &PC
11	RMG Performance review by DRA	<p>We will try and use Social Media via Facebook etc to set out a questionnaire for residents to complete.</p> <p>Running Costs for DRA should be paid for by RMG using Estate reserve funds</p>	
12	AOCB	Council has taken over 8.5 Acres of land to building another school approx. 400m from current one along with 1.5 acres to side of existing.	

**There being no further business the meeting was closed
Date of next meeting to be confirmed**