

West Blacket Association
Annual General Meeting
November 25 2013

Present: Richard Grant (Chair, RG), Evelynne Hill (Treasurer, EH), Mike Hunter (Hon Sec, MJH), Ian Carter, Alice Foster, Kate O'Brien, Maggie Stevenson, Rosemary Wake, Judy Alexander, Helen & Philip Bennett, Laura Bradley, Sandra Carter, Angus Cowie, Nigel Cumming, Jackie Grant, John & Jane Griffiths, Ron Hill, Dave Hope, Bob & Val Lees, Fiona & Iain MacLaren, George Ross, Des Rubens, Judy Sischy, Sheila Stevens, Colin Stevenson, Fiona Theobald, Carolyn & William Walker, Charles Warlow, Peter & Cathie Wright, Cllr Cameron Rose (CR)

Apologies: Georgina Clayton, Helen MacDonald, Cllrs Steve Burgess, Jim Orr and Ian Perry

AGM Minutes 2012: approved *nem con*

Chairman's report:

RG welcomed members and thanked Cllr Rose for attending.

The WBA is first and foremost an association with the purpose of protecting the amenity of our area: our activities in this respect during the year were reviewed. These included asking for resurfacing of South Gray Street, improvement to regular bin collections and removal of Graffiti.

The Association has continued to organise a wide ranging programme of other activities. The summer walks programme and local history group have continued to flourish. A highlight this year was our visits to the NLS Bartholomews exhibition, with conducted tours by the curator, Karla Baker.

We continue to advertise our activities through a newsletter circulated to all residents, and now have a leaflet for new residents who move into the area to explain what the Association does and who we are.

Treasurer's report:

EH had tabled a full report for the year ending October 31 2013:

Membership: 37 households (64 members)

Income: Subscriptions £266.00; Total £275.31

Expenditure: £331.94 (includes AGM, Newsletter and website costs)

Balance: £690.68 (bank) + £23.75 (cash)

Deficit: £56.63

Election of Office-bearers & Committee:

The existing Office Bearers were all willing to continue: there were no other nominations for these positions. Carolyn Walker had agreed to stand for election to the committee and was nominated by MJH, seconded by EH and duly elected. All other committee members agreed to continue.

Discussion:

Lack of enforcement of 20mph limits in the pilot zone was discussed and explained. MJH explained how the Grange/Prestonfield CC had argued for enforcement with success. CR largely agreed, though he is not personally in favour of these uniform 20mph limits. Not all WBA members were in favour either.

Following formal AGM business, a talk by **Peter Wright** on 'Urban Bee Keeping' was much appreciated by all present. Produce (honey and beeswax candles) was on sale for the benefit of Philippines charity.

The meeting ended about 930pm.