

West Blacket Association Annual General Meeting November 28 2022

Present: Maggie Stevenson (Chair, **MS**), Nigel Cumming (Treasurer, **NC**), Mike Hunter (Hon Sec, **MJH**), Ian Carter (**IC**), Lucy Charrington (**LC**), Alice Foster, Charles Warlow (**ChW**), Cathie Wright; Judy Alexander, Tom Barnes, Helen Bennett, Philip Bennett (**PB**), Christine Gough, Richard Grant, Jane and John Griffiths, Chrissie Heughan (**CH**), David Hope, Roger Pountain, Colin Stevenson, Cathie Sudlow, Stephen Tomolillo, Rosemary Wake (ERW); William Walker (**WW**), Stuart & Nathalie Wallace, Mathew Williams (**MW**), Peter Wright, Lindi & Harvey Young (**HY**).

Apologies: Sandra Carter, Jackie Grant, Ron & Evelynne Hill, Val and Bob Lees, Helen MacDonald, Lise Morel, Kate O'Brien, Jane Rubens

1. **MS welcomed everyone**
2. **Minute of AGM November 2021**, precirculated by email and tabled. *Approved nem com*
3. **Chair's Report** (tabled)
4. **Treasurer's Report** (tabled)
NC reported finances remain healthy.
5. **Election of Office Bearers and Committee**
MJH reported no nominations to, or withdrawals from, the Committee.
6. **AOCB.**
 - a) **MW** asked whether we had enquired to NLS about a serious oil spillage in Upper Gray Street on November 11th. This had been first alerted on the West Blacket WhatsApp group by Patrick Hickey who lives opposite. Ben at 12 UGS reported later that day that the tanker company had applied dispersant, followed by soap and water. This serious incident should also have been reported to SEPA. It was agreed by those present that WBA should write to NLS asking for a full account.
 - b) **LC & MJH** wished to pursue further the possibility of on-street EV charging points which had been raised at last year's AGM. The Blacket Association have pursued this through Grange Prestonfield Community Council but were advised that the City Council are unlikely to give high priority to EV charging points in areas where many residents have off-street parking. Few residents in West Blacket do have off-street parking so we should pursue this further.
 - c) **CH** observed that many cars exceed the 20mph limit in SGS and would like speed bumps. The WBA has a long history of asking for traffic-calming measures, without success. Current City Council policy is for city-wide 20mph limits in residential areas, without physical traffic-calming measures. Agreed to make this an item at the next WBA Committee meeting.
 - d) **WW** observed, without contradiction, that the Duncan/Upper Gray Street corner site is a disgrace. The WBA has written to City Councillors and Officials without satisfactory response during over 3 years since the foundations and hazardous pavement issue has arisen. Some believe, from unconfirmed reports, that the site now has ownership registered offshore.
 - e) **ERW** reported that the West Blacket Local History group, though unable recently to hold F2F meetings, remains active. There is now a WhatsApp group "West Blacket Historicals" with lively discussions: all are welcome to join. Ron & Evelynne Hill have also set photo-based quizzes which many have enjoyed.
7. Cathie Sudlow, our invited speaker, gave a highly informative talk on Why Everyone's Data Matters for Health, followed by some discussion with equally well informed residents.
8. The meeting concluded about 930pm