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CHAIR'S COMMENT

Welcome to FACT's latest newsletter. We have decided to produce a number of short regular newsletters over the next two months to try to give you as much information and news as possible. In this edition we provide details of our upcoming Christmas Panto; our AGM in the summer; a joint environmental project with Thenew, Glasgow City Council and GEDC/ Environmental Trust; the introduction of our Community Janitors and our priority of dealing with Anti-Social complaints.

CHRISTMAS PANTO

We are planning a trip to Pavilion Theatre on Sunday 10 December to see the excellent Peter Pan for 100 residents.

The trip is open to all residents of Cranhill and their children. A parent must accompany a child.

It is restricted to people living in Cranhill and therefore we cannot supply tickets to family or friends from elsewhere.

The trip is entirely free and we will arrange two buses to pick you up and drop you back in Cranhill and provide a goody bag.

We will issue an application form with our next

newsletter – get your return in quickly as it will be on a first come first served basis.

FACT 3rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FACT held its 3rd AGM at St Maria Goretti Hall on 3 July 2006. Any FACT Member can attend and it is important that as many do attend as possible.

We launched our Annual Report to those present and later issued a copy to all FACT members.

On the night we heard David Ford (Chair) comment on our activities over the last year noting that we have met all of our targets with GHA and completed over 100 kitchen and bathroom rewires in the main door properties in the north of Cranhill.

We also heard from our independent auditors about FACT's finances and they gave them a clean bill of health. A copy of the accounts are available for inspection at our office.

A motion was put forward by Marie McCairns to allow any committee member to stand for any of the office bearer posts. Anne Noble placed an amendment allowing this with the exception of the Chair which should remain as a tenant member. A 75 per

cent majority is required to change our constitution and this was secured on the night.

George MacMillan, Pat Siegerson, Ellen Downes and Anne Noble were all re-elected as committee members and William Brown, Hugh Devlin and Jim Ward were elected for the first time onto the committee.

We selected our new external independent auditor – Alexander Sloan.



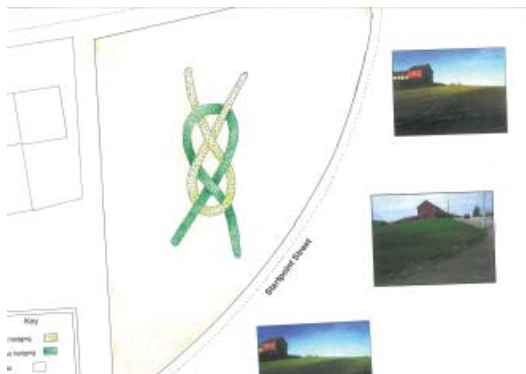
PROJECT ID – SEA CRANHILL

Over the last year we have been working with Thenew Housing Association to brighten up the environment and have secured three sites for environmental improvement. We have chosen a "Sea" theme to tie in with all the streets in Cranhill being named after a British lighthouse See overleaf for images of the plans.

Gantock/Crowlin at the BT Building – a central Yew tree surrounded by two circles of shrubs at different heights to represent a lighthouse.



Startpoint/Bellrock across from Cranhill Park – two shrub beds intertwined in a fisherman’s knot.



Fidra Street – various additional trees with different colourings, berries and blooms.



COMMUNITY JANITORS

In partnership with Tower Homes HA and Cairnbrook HA, we have secured funding to employ an environmental team of community janitors to assist in maintaining the environment, gardens, closes and backcourts. It is a training employment scheme offering six months placement to unemployed across Greater Easterhouse.

They can be employed as a hit squad to address bulk dumping and assist tenants bring overgrown gardens and hedges under control.

During the winter months we will have them assisting with close cleaning amongst other activities.

DEALING WITH ANTI-SOCIAL COMPLAINTS

Earlier this year we were successful in securing the eviction of a family where the tenant had been convicted of drug dealing.

A similar family, also convicted of drug dealing, voluntarily terminated their tenancy after we began legal proceedings to evict them.

We currently have a further case in the legal system seeking an eviction for another tenant for drug dealing.

We are consistently reminded by residents and at local meetings the impact of drug dealing and anti-social behaviour on the quality of life of those living within Cranhill. We take anti-social behaviour seriously and identified it as our number one priority. We hope that these actions and successes give you some confidence that we are attempting to address these few residents who make life a misery for others.



Do not suffer in silence – please contact us with any complaints that you have. If you are dissatisfied with the way we have dealt with your complaint about anti-social behaviour please contact Sharon O’Hare on 274 7081.

GUTTERS CLEANING

Please note that we shall be beginning a gutter cleaning project in 2-3 weeks which will run for 3-4 weeks.