

Reference Sections 3A.7, 3A.8 and Document 22

Document 17a**From:** David Angus

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To: DAVID MIDDLETON

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Date: Sep 17, 2021 8:13:51 PM**Subject: Re: Garden Land at 1 Greyfriars Garden**

Hi David

We have cleaned the place up probably a dozen times over the last five years. There was a street begger sleeping in there for a while until someone burned his tent down twice!! This guy and some other individuals used to inject heroin in there. He told us he cleared up the needles but the rest of the debris was still evident. Metal burning bowls, tin foil, needle wrappers swabs etc. The street beggars, especially [REDACTED] used it as the main toilet and also sorted through the bags of donations stolen from outside charity shops. Anything of no use was tossed into the hedges. People from the [REDACTED] pub and other locations use it as a toilet in the later hours and everything known to man is discarded in it. We stopped going in it because it is so overgrown and hides so many potential hazards thus unsafe to work in. Dog walkers and persons working nearby take their dogs in to empty their bowls.

Hope this helps, it's pretty disgusting in there, wear wellies you can hose off

Regards

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On 17 Sep 2021, at 13:09, DAVID
MIDDLETON <[REDACTED]>

wrote:

D/David,

You may recollect that I mentioned briefly at the 'Cleaner St Andrews' Zoom Meeting that the Poets' Neuk community organisation (those living in the postcode areas surrounding Greyfriars Garden) are attempting to buy the neglected garden facing Number 1 Greyfriars garden and fronting on to both Greyfriars Garden and St Mary's Place. We have secured a pre-emptive right to buy when the owner decides to sell, but we are working to bring forward the purchase so that it can be developed as a publicly accessible Poetry Garden. This intention is supported by Bid and all the major town organisations.

In order to facilitate this purchase, we need to provide evidence that the neglected garden creates harm. Our own observations and photographs show the neglected nature of the garden. We understand that your team have tidied up the garden from time to time and the detritus found may indicate that the garden is the location for anti-social behaviour. We have observed that it is a dumping ground for rubbish, some of which could have health implications

We would be most grateful if you could provide detail of any clean-up activities which have taken place in the years since your team has been operative, and any indications found of any illicit activities it has been used for. If evidence of drug use has been found there, that

would be a strong indicator of public harm.

The Poets' Neuk Board would be most grateful for your assistance, which would be invaluable in taking this project forward and transforming this eyesore into a community asset.

Yours

David Middleton
Secretary,

Poets Neuk.