

13. PETITIONS

13.1 Petition – Fence 44 Ardross Street, Applecross

A petition signed by 454 residents the City of Melville and 73 non-residents was received on 10 December 2021 reads as follows:

“We the undersigned, do respectfully request that the Council:

Action Sought: exercise their discretion to approve the retrospective application by owners of 44 Ardross Street, Applecross for approval of their front and side boundary walls as constructed.

The Reasons Supporting this Action: Removing or lowering the fence would eliminate all the privacy that the owners have from the busy street traffic and from the neighbouring cafes which get extremely busy. As the house is also located on a roundabout, the fence acts as a safety precaution and also stops any bright headlights beaming into the house at night-time. If holes r slits were cut into the wall, it would weaken its structure, which could become a potential safety hazard. There are also numerous homes in the surrounding streets with walls that are higher and less permeable than these walls. The house and fence along with the newly installed artwork provide distinction and character to the street corner and forcing the owners to tear down the wall simply in order to enforce a one size fits all rule destroys individualism and freedom.”

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the petition bearing 454 signatures of residents and 73 signatures of non-residents be acknowledged.