

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT ROYAL EXCHANGE
2ND SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 PM.

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| | <p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON Stephanie Wilkins SECRETARY Derek Kinsey TREASURER Donella Smith</p> <p>COMMITTEE Penny Bowers, Sarah Lewis, Russell Todd, Paul Rock.</p> <p>PARK RANGER Alec Stewart</p> | | |
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| 1.9.09 | APOLOGIES. Gareth Lewis | | |
| 2.9.09 | MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. Amendment. Re- Item 8.7.09 (i) It was confirmed that committee member Penny Bowers does not hold a First Aid qualification. Amendment. Re- Item 7.7.09.(vi) It was confirmed that the templates referred to the management/development plan of the park and not to Green Pennant accreditation. | | |
| 3.9.09 | MATTERS ARISING. 7.5.09 (ii) Regular inspections indicate that the hedge barrier along side the railway line is now intact. 7.7.09 (ii) The employment of parks personnel within Hailey Park under the Future Jobs Fund initiative now seems unlikely, Voluntary Action Cardiff will again be engaged in scrub clearance etc. | | |
| 4.9.09 | TREASURER'S REPORT. Nothing of significance to report. | | |
| 5.9.09 | BRIEF REPORTS. | | |
| (i) | Workday, Sunday 26 th July. Penny Bowers reported that this scheduled workday was cancelled due to rain. The intended task was to top coat the metal barriers at the Tymawr Road entrance. | | |
| (ii) | Workday, Sunday 30 th August. Penny Bowers reported on this event which involved the hayrake. Ten volunteers took part under the direction of park rangers Raj and Alec. The cut area of approx. 1300 sq/m was raked and cleared, the exercise finishing at precisely 5.00 pm with steady rain falling. When the area is sufficiently dry, a second cut is due to take place. Funds may be available under the Grassland Restoration Scheme if application is made by the end of the financial year. | | |
| (iii) | Out of the Woods , Bute Park , Sunday 23 rd August. Penny Bowers reported on this event which for the first time included a dog show. Reasonable weather resulted in an impressive attendance with the dog show considered very successful. The same format is to be adopted for next year. | | |

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| 5.9.09 | <p>BRIEF REPORTS. (CONT.) Nature Walk, Wednesday 26th July. Penny Bowers reported on this event lead by Suzy McGlagen of FOHP and Cardiff Naturalists stalwarts Dr. Mary Gilham and Bruce McDonald. Cool, showery conditions affected insect numbers but numerous plant species were identified and described in detail. The walk was well attended with twenty two taking part. Complimentary booklets and spotter sheets etc have been acquired from the Countyside Council and will prove a valuable resource for future such events.</p> | | |
| 6.9.09 | <p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) Scansis Unit. (6.7.09 (ii) No information to hand regarding the progress of the scheme.</p> <p>(ii) Bowls Match.(7.7.09 (ii) Because of the lateness of the season and the poor condition of the bowling green, the bowls match against the Labour Party office has been cancelled.</p> <p>(iii) Remnants of the fly-tipping incident are still present in the woodland area near car park. Parks Dept. will arrange removal and investigate incident. A missing section of barrier around the car park allows vehicle access to the site which may result in further similar offences.</p> <p>(iv) Keep Wales Tidy week is 21st -27th September. FOHP contribution will involve the collection of any dog waste in the park ,Penny Bowers to organise a group of volunteers.</p> <p>(v) Mr Peter Clark, brother in law to Margaret, only daughter of C.P.Hailey, forwarded to the secretary photographs of our benefactor's grave in Cathays cemetery. His death is recorded on 20th March 1938 at the age of 62 years.</p> <p>(vi) The community notice board for the south end of the park has been delivered from the manufacturers and will shortly be installed by the ranger service.</p> <p>(vii) The type of information to display and format will be decided before purchase is arranged of the interpretation board for the meadow. Samples from other sites will be collated by the ranger service.</p> <p>(viii) The wooden fence adjacent to the Tymawr Road entrance needs replacing to conform to Green Pennant guidelines.</p> <p>(ix) Cycles Report. Chris Powell visited the park in early August together with members of the Rights of Way team and representatives from Sustrans to assess what improvements should be made to the Taff Trail through the park to address the safety concerns of pedestrians. The report that was submitted to the group was discussed and the following observations noted. (a) Acknowledgement that proposed pathway widening would involve the relocation of the benches currently sited near the rugby pitches. Rugby club should be involved in these decisions. (b) The appropriate “ Shared Use “ sign was selected as appropriate with number and locations agreed.</p> | <p>G.Stamp</p> <p>P.Bowers</p> <p>G.Stamp</p> <p>G.Stamp</p> | <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> |

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| <p>6.909 (ix)</p> | <p>PARK ISSUES. (CONT.) Cycles Report. (c) When pathway improvements have been finalised, it was agreed that a publicity campaign, to include Sustrans, is to be organised through the local press with further extensive leafleting giving details of the Code of Conduct to be applied. (d) Vegetation intrusion on the pathway, which further reduces its width, could be removed during an appointed workday as a joint venture with Sustrans. (e) Proposed scrub clearance near loop bridge was agreed with a proviso that the remaining pathway round the meadow should be designated a No Cycle Way.</p> | | |
| <p>7.9.09 (i)</p> | <p>FOHP ISSUES. The Chairperson announced her intention to resign in the near future. The implications of this decision will be discussed at an extraordinary meeting in October.</p> | | |
| <p>8.9.09 (i) (ii)</p> | <p>AOB. Re – 8.3.09 (i) The rutted grass area near the larger children’s playground still awaits repair. With water almost continuously present, it represents a significant hazard. The refuse bins still do not appear to be emptied on a regular schedule. Many were overflowing on the Friday morning before the bank holiday weekend and remained that way until the Tuesday morning. Mr D Carson, Waste Management Team Leader, has again been informed and the situation will be regularly monitored.</p> | <p>G.Stamp D.Kinsey</p> | <p>Next Meeting Next Meeting</p> |
| <p>9.9.09</p> <p>D.Kinsey,</p> <p>Secretary.</p> | <p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. (EXTRAORDINARY) Wednesday, 7th October 2009 at 7.30 pm.</p> | | |