

**FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT LLANDAF NORTH RUGBY CLUB**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 PM.**

	<p><b>PRESENT.</b></p> <p><b>VICE CHAIRPERSON.</b> Penny Bowers  <b>SECRETARY.</b> Derek Kinsey</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE.</b> Gordon Hann, Sarah Lewis, Francis Jones, Paul Rock, Sylvia Ward.</p> <p><b>PARK RANGER.</b> Gareth Stamp.</p>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PAGE 1 OF 3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>1.11.09</b>	<b>APOLOGIES.</b> Gareth Lewis.		
<b>2.11.09</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.</b> <b>2.9.09</b> Apologies – Should have included Gareth Stamp.		
<b>3.11.09</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING.</b></p> <p><b>6.9.09 ( ii )</b> Fly Tipping. All fly tipped rubbish has been removed from woodland area. Open access of site precludes installation of barriers that could prevent further similar offences.</p> <p><b>6.9.09 ( vii )</b> Meadow Interpretation Board. A sample of the text and graphics from the interpretation board at the Fforest Ganol Nature Reserve was presented and the format agreed as acceptable</p> <p><b>6.9.09 ( viii )</b> The wooden fence adjacent to the Ty Mawr Road entrance to the park has been replaced by the ranger service and conforms to Green Pennant requirements.</p> <p><b>8.9.09 ( i )</b> The rutted grass area ,near the larger children’s playground, is still awaiting repair.</p> <p><b>8.9.09 ( ii )</b> The refuse bins are being emptied to a regular schedule and no overflowing has been observed.</p>		
<b>4.11.09</b>	<b>TREASURER’S REPORT.</b> Treasurer absent.		
<b>5.11.09</b> ( i )	<b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b> Penny Bowers reported on her attendance at the <b>Wales Biodiversity Partnership Conference</b> , 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> September at the University of Glamorgan, Treforest. After an initial address by Jane Davidson A.M. presentations included those on Bio-Diversity Management, Green Valleys Project and Hogweed Eradication Schemes. She also attended an associated workshop on Communicating Biodiversity run by an education team from the Brecon Beacons National Park who were very enthusiastic and useful.		

5.11.09	<b>BRIEF REPORTS. ( CONT. )</b>		
( ii )	D.Kinsey attended the <b>Friends Forum</b> meeting at the Heath Park offices on Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September. Delegates were informed that dog control orders are to be introduced at selected sites within the city under a schedule to be completed by the end of October 2009. Where necessary, Friends Groups are to be involved in the consultation process. Re-design in progress of the Park Department website, an upgrade is considered overdue. Wales Biodiversity Week is confirmed at 5 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2010. The beetle buckets, currently buried in the meadow, will be excavated next year for examination and evaluation. A feasibility study is in progress regarding the linking of the Taff and Ely Trails. Movement counters on the Taff Trail would indicate that Hailey Park receives approximately 250,000 “ visits “ per annum.		
( ii )	D.Kinsey reported on the 2009 <b>Bowls Season</b> ending 25 <sup>th</sup> September. After an encouraging start in May, attendances fell dramatically the following month and the bad weather in July proved disastrous. The condition of the green continues to deteriorate through untreated weed infestation, dry patch and general neglect, the council now claiming that the surface has lost its integrity. Substantial sums are needed for regeneration and these are unlikely to be provided as, due to budgetary constraints, even routine maintenance may now not occur. Although the group maintain the borders and keep the ditch weeded, the pavilion, due some refurbishment, is regularly vandalised. Total receipts of £163 showed a marginal increase on last year. A vote of thanks was extended to member Diane Walters for providing cakes for the bowls match teas. An income and expenditure a/c was presented with a summary of transactions, ticket issue book and cheque.		
6.11.09	<b>PARK ISSUES.</b>		
( i )	Cycles Report. The type of signage to be installed was agreed and a Code of Conduct to apply explained in a Taff Trail website soon to be created. Part of the signage presented was not the type agreed with the council Rights of Way team so, hopefully, the correction will be recognised before manufacture commences.		
( ii )	Notice Board. The community notice board for the southern end of the park is ready for installation with the site prepared involving relocation of a one tree.		
( iii )	Meadow. Further scrub clearance in the meadow has been arranged with the assistance of volunteers under the Not In Education, Employment or Training Directive ( NEET )		
7.11.09	<b>FOHP ISSUES.</b>		
( i )	Workdays for next year will take place on the following dates 31 <sup>st</sup> January, 21 <sup>st</sup> February, 28 <sup>th</sup> March, 25 <sup>th</sup> April, 30 <sup>th</sup> May, 27 <sup>th</sup> June 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 29 <sup>th</sup> August, 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct., 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov., 5 <sup>th</sup> December.		
( ii )	The following will be included in the events calendar for 2010 17th January - Walk off Christmas / 16 <sup>th</sup> May – Heritage Walk National Bike Week- “ On Yer Bike in Hailey Park.” 12 <sup>TH</sup> – 20 <sup>TH</sup> June 2010 – Evening event. date to be confirmed. 29th July - Blooms & Butterflies Walk. ( During Love Your Parks Week 24 <sup>th</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> August )		

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<b>8.11.09</b>	<b>AOB.</b>		
<b>( i )</b>	It was agreed that a sub committee be formed to concentrate on the task of updating/replacing the playground equipment which is of a very poor standard. Initially to liaise with the council to avoid duplication and, subsequently, to explore funding opportunities. This group, comprising of Paul, Sarah, Russell, Gareth , will report regularly to the full committee on progress achieved.		
<b>( ii )</b>	One of a group of four trees near the western end of the changing rooms has been felled, although it was angled ,no apparent safety issues were involved.		
<b>( iii )</b>	The ranger confirmed that boundary fencing can only be repaired or replaced where the pathway is in close proximity to the river and safety concerns apply.		
<b>9.11.09</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b> Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2010.		
	Meeting Closed 9.05 pm.		
	D.Kinsey,  Secretary.		