

**FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT LLANDAF NORTH RUFC**  
**WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT.**  
**CHAIRPERSON.** Stephanie Wilkins  
**SECRETARY.** Derek Kinsey  
**TREASURER.** Donella Smith  
**COMMITTEE.** Penny Bowers, Sarah Lewis, Gareth Lewis  
Sylvia Ward, Paul Rock, Gordon Hann.  
Francis Jones.  
**COUNCILLOR.** Ann Rowland – James  
**PARK RANGER** Alec Stewart

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PAGE 1 OF 3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>1.5.09</b>	<b>APOLOGIES.</b> Russell Todd		
<b>2.5.09</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.</b> The minutes of the meeting of the 4 <sup>th</sup> March were read and accepted as accurate.		
<b>3.5.09</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING.</b> <b>7.3.09 ( iv)</b> “ Boathouse” development. Ref. 084/023574/W DK was informed by the planning officer, Peter Kingsbury, that Section 106 funds would be made available from this scheme. The amount destined for park services will be decided by committee in the autumn.		
<b>4.5.09</b>	<b>TREASURER’S REPORT.</b> Bank funds at 6/05/09 total £494.49.		
<b>5.5.09</b> ( i )  ( ii )	<b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b> Workday, Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April. Penny Bowers reported that, because of the indifferent weather, the original plan to paint the gates at the Tymawr Road entrance was postponed and a thorough litter pick substituted concentrating on the lane entrance from Station Road and the graffiti wall area. Nine volunteers took part under ranger supervision. Other. Penny Bowers reported on the Cardiff Urban Bat Project. Volunteers will be assigned 1sq/km allocations to identify and record activity three times a year at dusk. Reptile survey training was given by the bio-diversity officer with instruction regarding identification , habitat etc.. This program was funded by CCW grants.		
<b>6.5.09</b>	<b>JASON MAYBURY/GRAFFITI WALL.</b> This graffiti artist gave an informative talk on the origins of the practice, its development in the USA and subsequent migration to Europe. All positive and negative aspects were discussed, displays now being a regular feature of our urban environment. As the site was considered a valuable resource JM wanted to be involved with the group plans to manage it, inform his associates to keep the area litter free and show respect to adjoining private property. A request that future designs should incorporate a heritage aspect were declined due to artist’s style incompatibility. Penny Bowers to communicate with local residents regarding management policy.	P. Bowers	

<b>7.5.09</b>	<b>PARK ISSUES.</b>		
( i )	Update on previous issues.		
( ii )	Ranger's update. Chris Powell attended a meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April involving Sustrans, Cycles Officer Lou Lisardi, Jo Evans( SP & NR), Steve Rees and John Donovan from the Rights of Way team. Options were discussed regarding the widening of the track through Hailey Park and possible implications. It was agreed that: ( a ) Highways would conduct an Equality Impact Assessment on the Taff Trail to be arranged by John Donovan ( b ) Lou Lisardi (Cycles Officer ) will distribute bells to cyclists. ( c ) A code of conduct will be prepared before the next meeting covering the Taff Trail based on the Two Tings British W/W Board. ( d ) Sustrans were investigating getting slow down troughs as used on the continent- they may not be BBA compliant. ( e ) Quotes were being obtained for widening the track from the car park to north entrance to 3 metres. ( f ) Examples of appropriate signage for the pathway to be made available to FOHP for assessment.		
( iii )	Bowls Pavilion. Further refurbishment work is proposed on the pavilion including window installation with metal grills.Possible appropriation £5000.		
( iv )	Scansis Mini Pitch. Mary Street residents vetoed the scheme as proposed. Noise levels, possible anti social behaviour and the poor condition of the tennis courts generally were factors in the decision.FOHP had suggested that an improvised version of the unit be installed initially to obtain an accurate environmental impact assessment, but, regrettably, this was not considered.The scheme is to be re-examined.		
( v )	Green Pennant/Meadow. A meeting is to be convened on Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June to discuss.	S.Wilkins	Following Meeting
( vi )	Planning Application Radyr Court Road 3 storey structure containing 16 apartments. It was agreed that the proposed development be opposed for the following reasons. ( a ) Site is on a flood plain ( b ) Inappropriate site too near old bridge supports. ( c ) Height,scale and mass of the development will compromise the nearby park setting. ( d )River Corridor environment must be protected at all costs.	S.Wilkins	Following Meeting
( vii )	Other Park Issues. The hedge barrier along side the railway line near the pond site has been breached and represents a significant hazard as there is now easy access onto the track. Penny and Gareth to liaise. The meadow has been identified as being of good quality grassland and will be included as part of the Cardiff Grassland Survey and qualifies as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation ( SINC )	G.Stamp	
<b>8.5.09</b>	<b>FOHP ISSUES.</b>		
( i )	Update on previous issues. Nominations were requested for the Cardiff Volunteering Celebration 2009 on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> June at Cardiff Castle. Those selected were Stephanie, Penny,Donella,Sylvia and member Suzy McGlagen.	D.Kinsey	Following Meeting

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<b>8.5.09</b>	<b>FOHP ISSUES( CONT.)</b>		
( ii )	Website		
( iii )	The website can now be accessed at Friends of Hailey Park .org.uk Other FOHP issues		
<b>9.5.09</b>	<b>AOB.</b>		
( i )	The Safer Cycling event will take place in the park between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May.Penny Bowers to supervise. Gareth Lewis to provide 4 pathway warning signs with costs of approx. £60 from group funds.		
( ii )	Friends Forum meeting will take place at Heath Park offices on Weds. 20 <sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm.D.Kinsey,Francis Jones and Donella Smith to attend.		
( iii )	The next group workday takes place on Sunday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May between 2 – 5 pm.		
( iv )	As part of Wales Biodiversity week, a Blooms & Butterflies walk will take place in the park on Sunday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> at 10.00am.		
( v )	Consideration should be given to the creation of an ornamental meadow to compliment the wild flower/grassland area now benefiting from regular cutting and management techniques.		
( vi )	DK reported on anti social behaviour at the bowling green requiring police intervention at both incidents. There were graffiti attacks on the tennis court gates, two park benches and the basket ball structure. The log circle in the woods was contaminated by broken glass from smashed beer bottles leaving the site in a very dangerous condition.		
( vii )	It was agreed that the plot near Tymawr Road entrance will be planted up to improve the general appearance.		
( viii )	Appropriate signage relating to cyclists on pathway was approved as requested by Chris Powell leading the improvement consultation team.		
( ix )	A youth group called B Zone will assist with park projects under ranger supervision on Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June.		
<b>10.5.09</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b> Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2009 at 7.30pm.		
	Meeting closed 9.30pm.		
	D.Kinsey,		
	Secretary.		