

Friends of Hailey Park  
Committee Meeting  
Tuesday June 7th 2022 7pm  
Railway pub marquee

## Minutes

Present: Angela Perrett (minutes), Anita Smith, Derek Kinsey, Lindy Clifton, Russell Todd (chair), Sarah James

Apologies: Gareth Stamp, Paul Rock, Penny Bowers

Minutes of the previous meeting: approved.

### Matters arising

Constitution - hasn't yet been signed by all Committee members.

Gazebo - LC has costed an A-frame, £45-100, would be more practical for work days, but we also still need a smaller gazebo.

Action - RT to contact Welsh Water about funding

Pumping station - Welsh Water visit has been deferred until July. RT is working on a project with Welsh Water in Aberystwyth.

GS has to clear the piece he is writing for us with Cardiff Council comms.

Discussion took place about capturing and demonstrating the value of the park - pledges, wellbeing, day-to-day activities, photo competition, memories, an annual report.

Action - AS/LC/SJ to form a campaigns/publicity sub-group

Kate Prosser joined the meeting as a member of the public

Centenary - a senior Cardiff Council person is needed in support, formal communication is needed with the Council lead, Parks, Heritage and wider. Cardiff Museum could contribute, SJ has a contact, also Glamorgan Archive.

Action

A centenary sub-group to be formed, to include EH who has a heritage background

RT to research the relevant dates

## Llandaff North Festival

To use the existing gazebo, DK has the scroll, RT an easel for display. AP has drafted a rota for staffing the stand.

**Action:** SJ will complete the risk assessment

## Park Issues

**Workday report: 22 May** We had 6 volunteers that afternoon. Most of the jobs were in preparation for the workday regarding tidying up around log benches in park, putting a post back in in grassy area near Taff Trail corner/opposite the newly planted elms (we had put posts in 1st place there to stop them mowing but council removed it and mowed through all the primroses - local Cllrs informed this shouldn't happen again) and we planted more primroses near the Loop Bridge (below the gorse).

**Next workday is 12 June, 2-5pm.** We will be pulling up himalayan balsam near the tennis courts so people who want to volunteer can meet down there between 2 & 5pm. Gloves only are needed. PB will bring the hi viz vests as its next to Taff Trail. Preference re clothing is long sleeves/trousers as there may be nettles and brambles around. It's relatively easy work to do. Idea is to pull up at roots before it flowers. The more you do this the ground will clear for planting of other vegetation, which is better than the invasive himalayan balsam.

The meeting discussed whether 3 hours was too long for work days, but we aren't expecting volunteers necessarily to stay for 3 hours, only to work however long they wish within those times. Having no shade during the summer may also be a problem, which having a smaller gazebo would resolve.

**Green flag judging 1 June 2022 (Penny Bowers, Gareth Stamp, Jonathan Gagg from park services and 2 green flag judges):** Favourable comments from judges ('park has a country feel about it' & 'the most picturesque rugby pitches ever seen'). We met up with the playground people and had an interesting chat about future work on the park. One officer said that the best way forward was to plan a smaller project but one that can be added to rather than a massive project - well worth following up on this from the playground staff asap and have a meeting with them for those that are interested in taking play forward. Report and whether we have passed will be in July sometime.

Lew is able to provide a mobile unit providing refreshments which he would manage on our behalf. It would be very useful to have it in place on August 3rd and similar events.

**Action:** RT to contact Lew for further details

## Treasurer's report

Balance is £1160.65. £276 in subs and £34 in donations has been collected by DK door-to-door. The balance of the Heritage account is £87.50. DK has drafted income

and expenditure accounts and will now handover to PR. The current signatories are RT and PR, AP stated at the AGM that she was unwilling to undertake any financial role. LC volunteered to be the 3rd signatory.

Action: DK to handover the accounts to PR

### **Membership subs/secretary**

Action:

AP to carry over to the next meeting

RT to talk to PB about PayPal

### **A.O.B.**

Wales Nature Week is July 2nd - 10th. EH could be involved leading walks.

It's National Play Day on Wednesday 3 August and the Council may have something re play services they can suggest. RT reported that we still have the tennis equipment which could be useful for the August play day and we may be able to apply for grants if we do so quickly. LC has contact with 'Flowers Only Grow in Dirt'. Rebel Mams may also be interested.

**Date and time of the next meeting: Wednesday July 6th 7pm, Railway pub**

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### **Cardiff Council's appropriation of land at Hailey Park**

After the main business of the meeting we had a useful meeting with Kate Prosser and Steph Wilkins from the LNRA. Attending from the FOHP Committee were Angela Perrett, Anita Smith, Paul Rock, Russell Todd and Sarah James. The main points were:

- we've agreed to write a joint letter with LNRA to the Leader of the Council Huw Thomas, Cabinet member for Parks Jen Burke-Davies, Paul Orders Council CEO asking that the planning process be stopped immediately and a more transparent process be started that goes much broader than the narrow procedural aspects of planning consultation
- to canvas informally the views of Llandaff North RFC on their thoughts on the matter
- to use Thursday's meeting as an opportunity to listen to public views
- to raise awareness generally about who FoHP is, what we do, our goals etc; also, to generate memberships