

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF 7.30PM WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2014

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY. Derek Kinsey</p> <p>TREASURER. Donella Smith</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Paul Rock, Russell Todd, Birte Langfeldt</p> <p>MEMBER. Meriel Jones</p>		
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1.01.14	APOLOGIES. Esme Farewell.		
2.01.14	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. These were read and accepted as accurate.		
3.01.14	MATTERS ARISING. None.		
4.01.14	TREASURER'S REPORT. Cleared funds at the bank total £2440.78, no further recompense is expected from Western Power regarding damage to the meadow.		
5.01.14	<p>BRIEF REPORTS.</p> <p>(i) Workday, Sunday 15th December. PB reported that very few volunteers were able to attend. Willow removal was again the allotted task and reasonable progress was made considering the shortage of helpers. The programme remains seriously behind schedule to the extent that Cardiff Conservation Volunteers have been engaged for a whole day on Sunday, 9th March to reduce the backlog, they are an effective and enthusiastic group.</p> <p>(ii) Management Plan. PB reported that the date is still to be arranged for a meeting between council official, local representatives and park stakeholders. Involvement and close participation from user groups is considered essential so that a structured management plan can be formulated using the initial meeting as a fact finding exercise. The dominance of sporting activities should not deflect from the basic concept that the park is used by many as a medium for healthy living and lifestyle. This notion should be regularly promoted and expounded.</p>		

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5.01.14 (iii)	<p>BRIEF REPORTS. (Cont.) Cardiff Parks Website. PR reported that former colleagues, Anne and Andy Bell, are creating a website dedicated to the history and development of all Cardiff's parks. The task remains uncompleted but their efforts to date are considered impressive and informative, Hailey Park is featured with aerial photos and detailed text . (www.cardiffparks.org.uk)</p>		
6.01.14 (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	<p>PARK ISSUES. Playground Refurbishment. PB reported that the junior playground will close from January 6th for refurbishment and resurfacing. Old blue swing and red slide will be removed for safety reasons, hopefully to be replaced .The work is part of a multi-site contract which terminates 7th March. The Viper equipment is in the process of being repaired following vandal attack. Car Park. PB confirmed that she will contact the council regarding the removal of the leaf residue in the car park. PR stated that, although the riverside pathway is in a reasonable condition, the section from the car park to the Tymawr Road entrance remains untreated and is a potential hazard. PR commented on the glare of the previous floodlight installation resulting in vision difficulties for cyclist etc proceeding north, the replacement unit has yet to be assessed. Hardstanding. PB stated that the hardstanding, adjacent to the development site, is to be used as a temporary car park by residents of Andrews Road who have been adversely affected by the movements of commercial traffic using that site. Boundary Fence. Various members have commented on the condition of the metal boundary fence on the main pathway .Safety concerns have been expressed because of the numerous gaps and the proximity of the river, small children and dogs could be at risk. Cllr. Corria is aware of this issue, photographs have been taken and forwarded to the council accordingly. Environment Wales. RT requested that attention be drawn to this organisation, a partnership in the voluntary sector and funded by the Welsh government whose aim is to contribute to sustainable development by encouraging and supporting voluntary action to protect and improve the environment.. FOHP have a current association with a Environmental Wales core partner, Keep Wales Tidy. Voluntary groups are supplied with advice and support and certain practical projects can qualify for grant funding.</p>	PB	
7.01.14 (i) (ii)	<p>FOHP ISSUES. Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that the AGM take place in March, probably the 5th the first Wednesday in the month with the next committee meeting held on Wednesday, 7th May. Combined Walk with Friends of Forest Farm. This event is to take place at 10.30am Sunday, 12th January starting at the warden centre Forest Farm using the new circular route via Radyr woods and the Loop Bridge.</p>		

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<p>7.01.14 (iii) (iv)</p>	<p>FOHP ISSUES (CONT.) Willow Weaving. The possibility of interested members attending a willow weaving course was discussed and generally approved. The quality of the willow in the meadow has long been recognised and this resource, after proper instruction, can be converted into acceptable and useful products. January Workday. As no ranger is available, the January workday has been cancelled.</p>		
<p>8.01.14</p>	<p>AOB. None.</p>		
<p>9.01.14</p>	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. AGM 7.30pm Wednesday, 5th March 2014.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.40pm</p> <p>D.Kinsey,</p> <p>Secretary.</p>		