

## FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

### MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH, 7.30pm WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016.

	<p><b>PRESENT:</b></p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSON.</b> Penny Bowers</p> <p><b>SECRETARY/ TREASURER</b> Derek Kinsey</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE.</b> Donella Smith, Derek Ford, Paul Rock, Esme Farewell</p>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Page 1 of 3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>1.01.16</b>	<b>APOLOGIES.</b> Russell Todd, Gareth Stamp – Park Ranger.		
<b>2.01.16</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.</b> These were read and accepted as accurate		
<b>3.01.16</b> (i)	<b>MATTERS ARISING.</b> 5.11.15 ( iv ) Andrews Road Exit. Information received confirms that the roadway has been ramped as a traffic calming measure and a warning notice relating to this improvement has been installed near the Bridge Road intersection.		
(ii)	6.11.15 ( iii ) Finger Posts. A quotation has been received relating to replacement parts on the vandalised sign. Although the local authority installed the original unit, FOHP will probably be responsible for the cost of the new parts plus additional carriage charges.		
<b>4.01.16</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b> DK presented copies of the Income & Expenditure Account and Bank Reconciliation statement. Since the last meeting, debit entries totalling £221.98 have been recorded relating to stationery items and gorse plants with a single credit entry of £3.00. At 31 Dec. 2015, funds at bank total £2682.69 with total receipts for the twelve month period at ££673.60.,expenditure amounted to £1635.35 so cash resources have been reduced by £941.75 or 26% by year end.		
<b>5.01.16</b> (i)	<b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b> Workday, Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November. PB reported that 10 volunteers were engaged in removing vegetation from the bank adjacent to the pathway leading from the small car park. Before it had become overgrown, this area was a favourite basking site for invertebrates. Previous work had been attempted to clear the plot and, although there was a significant amount still to remove the task was completed within the three hours allotted. The weather was dry and quite mild with light winds.		

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<p><b>5.01.16</b> ( ii )</p>	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS. ( Cont. )</b> Playground Scheme. PR reported that the final proposals had been submitted by the equipment suppliers SMP Ltd. The design incorporated a wide variety of play units and surface coverings and, although this concept does not have the total “ natural “ element initially conceived, the number of items displayed and their setting shown on the illustrated draft provide a satisfactory compromise. Funds held by the authority, which will part finance the scheme, were confirmed and the task will now begin of selecting funding sources for the balance. Previous experience using the Landfill Communities Fund Scheme would identify this method as the preferred option.</p>		
<p><b>6.01.16</b> ( i )  ( ii )  ( iii )  ( iv )</p>	<p><b>PARK ISSUES.</b> Management Plan. PB confirmed that she had received a draft copy ( outline ) of the Hailey Park Management Plan issued by Cardiff Council Parks Dept. This document had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. This plan will assist in co-ordinating all the support activities in the park, sustain and improve Hailey Park as a welcoming and attractive local park for recreation, sport, play and habitat management. Having an authorised management plan would assist in raising the profile of the park and be of benefit for future funding applications. The report is divided into three categories Quality, Access and Community and these are further sub-divided into numbered objectives. Although first impressions are reasonably favourable, some items do need clarification and possible amendment. It was resolved that members identify their particular points of contention and forward to PR who will collate all the information and then consign to the authority.</p> <p>Playground Fencing. DF reported that a section of fencing enclosing the large playground was missing leaving a gap between the railings bordering the new housing development . It forms part of an area that was required to be restored by the developers, Bellway Homes, but the site needs further attention as the task is obviously unfinished. As the local representatives have been collaborating with the developers throughout the construction period it was agreed that they should be made aware of the problem. DK will inform them by e-mail.</p> <p>Rare Fungi The Park Ranger informed the committee that he had located a group of waxcap fungi, five species in total, including a parrot waxcap, hygrocybe bsittacina. These are apparently quite rare and, if eight different species are found ,the area will qualify for SINC status ( Site of Importance for Nature Conservation )</p> <p>Oak Saplings/Gorse Plants PB reported that the ranger service will remove a group of oak saplings from the wetland area of the meadow, natural colonisation means they are located in an inappropriate area. The gorse plants have arrived at the council nursery and, when the opportunity arises, will be planted out by FOHP volunteers on the bank adjacent to the loop bridge .These are hardy plants, will provide some colour during the year and effectively cover what is currently an unattractive area.</p>	DK	ASAP

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<b>7.01.16</b>	<b>FOHP ISSUES.</b>		
( i )	Poster Campaign. PB suggested that, in order to maintain membership numbers, posters should be created inviting local residents to join the group, These could be displayed in various local retail outlets in Llandaff North.		
( ii )	Lime Trees. PR stated that these trees. at the rear of Hazelhurst Road, were pollarded about twenty years ago and this exercise has the effect of creating a dense foliage mass which will impact light penetration. No information currently regarding council's intentions on this matter.		
<b>8.01.16</b>	<b>AOB.</b> None		
<b>9.01.16</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b> Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at 7.30pm.		
	Meeting Closed 8.55pm.  D.Kinsey  Secretary.		