

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH, 7.30PM WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH 2017

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| | <p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY/TREASURER Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Paul Rock, Donella Smith, Russell Todd</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp</p> | | |
| ITEM | Page 1 of 3 | ACTION | DATE |
| 1.01.17 | <p>APOLOGIES. Derek Ford, Sylvia Ward, Esme Farewell</p> | | |
| 2.01.17 | <p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. These were read and accepted as accurate.</p> | | |
| 3.01.17 | <p>MATTERS ARISING. None</p> | | |
| 4.01.17 | <p>TREASURER'S REPORT. DK reported that, as FOHP financial year ended 31/12.2016, the current finalised accounts will be presented at the AGM in March. Accounts show the cash position of the group has reduced by £95.16 from £2878.69 to £2783.53 at year end. Purchases total £643.97 including the only fixed cost item of insurances at £197.00. Income of £548.81 included subscriptions of £421.80 and donations of £18.00. All bank statement entries correspond to those recorded on accounts presented. There are no outstanding or irregular issues</p> | | |
| 5.01.17 (i) | <p>BRIEF REPORTS. Workday, Sunday, 27th November. PB reported that fourteen volunteers attended, an excellent response the task specified was to clear a site near the Loop bridge and plant six disease resistant elm trees to help compensate for those lost recently by the fungal disease spread by beetles. A further seven trees will be planted later this month at another site. The gorse planting at the approach to the Loop bridge has developed but further additions are needed where gaps have occurred. The " bee bank " near the smaller car park will also receive attention .This location, south facing, is an ideal spot for ground nesting solitary bees i.e. those that do not live in hives. The majority of bees are solitary and their numbers are declining so every effort is needed to improve their survival chances.</p> | | |

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| <p>5.01.17 (ii)</p> | <p>Playground Scheme. PR reported that he had drafted a response to the council’s rejection of the proposed scheme. This was to be forwarded to AM Julie Morgan and Cllr. Bob Derbyshire, Environment Cabinet Member to enlist support for the scheme which was well advanced in preparation. PB stated that the recipients would only refer the matter to Jon Maidment (Head of Parks) and advocated a direct approach to him would be beneficial considering time issues and his position as possible final arbiter . Cllr. Dilwar Ali should also be kept updated in this respect and all local council candidates standing at next election will be asked to pledge their support for improved play facilities in Hailey Park. It was agreed that the submissions of PR although accurate and respectful, be forwarded by him acting as a member of the community.. The council had withdrawn their support citing arguments particularly over play maintenance, budgetary and staffing costs, the resignation of Cllr Sue White, who had been closely involved with the project , was untimely. Some of the funds set aside for the scheme appear to have been accessed, the insurance monies received from the bowls pavilion, less demolition costs, show a reduced figure retained. It was the intention that the scheme be part funded by sums raised by FOHP under the Landfill Communities Fund and these could amount to tens of thousands of pounds, now in real danger of being forfeited should the council decide not to proceed. It was agreed that PB will contact Jon Maidment to arrange a meeting so these issues can be discussed and , hopefully, resolved.</p> | | |
| <p>6.01.17 (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)</p> | <p>PARK ISSUES. Titan Playground Unit. PR reported that this unit is again out of commission because of a bearing failure with estimated cost of a replacement part at £1100. This is a popular feature with the children so the matter needs urgent attention having regard to the fact that the unit was idle for a considerable time in 2016 awaiting repairs. Great Taff Tidy Event. February 17th – 19th February. Organised by Keep Wales Tidy, teams are tasked with clearing debris from the river banks. Local community groups are invited to take part and FOHP will be represented, probably on Saturday, 18th National Play Day.- August 3rd. This is a celebration of the fact that of a children’s right to play, Children and families will be encouraged to “ Get out and Play” at community events organised throughout the country. Vandalism. The finger post sign at the south entrance to the park has been vandalised. The pointers have been broken off and probably thrown into the river. The sign near the car park was similarly attacked last year , the replacement parts are very expensive.</p> | | |
| <p>7.01.17 (i)</p> | <p>FOHP ISSUES. FOHP 10th Anniversary May 2017. The group is approaching its tenth anniversary so it is appropriate that this fact should be commemorated in some way. Various low key celebrations could be organised around our gazebo coupled with a membership drive.</p> | | |

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| 7.01.17 (ii) | <p>FOHP ISSUES, (Cont.) Twitter Account.</p> <p>Committee member Russell Todd volunteered to take responsibility for supervising FOHP Twitter. It was agreed that this form of social media would provide the sort of interaction which would benefit the group. Members will be informed, in due course, with further details of how they may participate with narrative and images relating to the park hoping to increase our knowledge and appreciation.</p> | | |
| 8.01.17 (i) (ii) | <p>AOB. Garden Bird Watch 28-30th January 2017. The RSPB are organising this survey and interested members are encouraged to visit their website and register. These surveys are vitally important as the data they provide helps create a picture of garden wildlife and assists in identifying species that are declining and under threat.</p> <p>Integrated Network Map/ Consultation. This is the council's vision to improve walking/cycling routes across the city using an integrated map for walkers and cyclists. The council are following the requirements of the Active Travel (Wales) Act of 2013. (Use web link http://bit.ly/2bcdovR.) All details are on the council's website and a consultation form can be downloaded so comments on routes and schemes can be recorded. Consultation events will be held during February and the process is due to conclude 28th March.</p> | | |
| 9.01.17 | <p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm Wednesday, 1st March 2017</p> <p>Meeting Closed.</p> <p>9.00pm.</p> <p>Derek Kinsey, Secretary</p> | | |

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK & TWITTER

Dear Friends of Hailey Park,

You may have noticed a flurry of activity on the Friends of Hailey Park Twitter Account (@HaileyPkCardiff) since the new year. Consider it a New Year's Resolution to be more active on social media this year !

I have offered to manage the account and ensure that we continue to engage with Friends, stakeholders, partners and with the wider Llandaff North community as fully as we can. I'm a long standing committee member and live in Mary Street so Hailey Park is a much cherished community asset for my young family. As a Welsh Speaker we shall be able to offer more bilingual content as well.

I say " manage the account " but I would prefer to see myself as the steward on behalf of the entire organisation / membership and want to encourage more involvement among Friends members in it. To this end, I would be grateful:

- for any photos of the park from all seasons and eras that you would care to share (tweets with images tend to attract more interaction.I would prefer that these are shared with me via this folder on **Dropbox** rather than by e-mail.
- If you could use and follow the hashtag **#HaileyPark**, we'll also use the hashtags **#LlandaffNorth**, **#YstumTaf** and **#FOHP** regularly but the main one will be **#HaileyPark**.
- If you could let me know of any events coming up locally, regionally or nationally that are complimentary to FOHP's objectives and values, environment, play, sustainability, biodiversity and community I will do my best to retweet these
- Oh. and follow us of course !

At the time of writing, we have 463 followers and I've set ourselves the target of doubling that in 2017.

We have also recently set up an instagram account-haileypkcardiff. Given that it is a much more visual social media platform, it will be perfect for sharing images of Hailey Park, So again follow us and we'll follow back and let's do our best to promote the beauty, vitality and nature of Hailey Park to each other and to those who are unaware of our little gem.

Regards,

Russell Todd,
FOHP Committee Member. (russelltodd21@hotmail.com)