

## **FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK**

**MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE,**

**TY MAWR ROAD,LLANDAFF NORTH ON WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00pm.**

	<b>PRESENT:</b>  <b>CHAIRPERSON.</b> Penny Bowers  <b>SECRETARY/ TREASURER</b> Derek Kinsey  <b>COMMITTEE.</b> Derek Ford, Paul Rock, Mike Matty.  <b>PARK RANGER.</b> Gareth Stamp		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Page 1 of 3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>1.01.20</b>	<b>APOLOGIES.</b> Cheney Drew, Russell Todd.		
<b>2.01.20</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.</b> These were read and accepted as accurate.		
<b>3.01.20</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING.</b> <b>5.09.19 ( iii )</b> – Basket Ball Hoops. PR reported that he had contacted Cllr.J.Burke-Davies and she confirmed that the council had agreed to release the noise level report when completed .PR made further enquiries regarding the replacement of missing components from playground units now unable to function for an unacceptable period of time.		
<b>4.01.20</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b> DK presented an Income & Expenditure Account and Bank Reconciliation Statement for the financial year January- December 2020. Principal entries show an opening credit balance of £2961.31 and income of £552.57. Expenditure was recorded as £2691.54 leaving a credit balance carried forward of £822.34. The income figure included a sum of £114.30 or 21% in respect of donations and there were no extraneous items that required explanation or discussion.		
<b>5.01.20</b> ( i )	<b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b> ( i ) PB reported that concerns had been raised regarding car parking issues on Ty Mawr Road near the railway bridge. The site is regarded as a hazardous area generally and careless parking adds to the risk. A barrier key is available which allows access into the park and the relief car park .Vehicles belonging to members of the brass band and the rugby club are amongst the offenders.		

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<b>5.01.20</b>	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS. ( Cont.)</b></p> <p>( ii ) Green Flag Application.</p> <p>PB reported that she met with parks officials on November 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the group's failed application in the spring of 2019. Reasons cited in the report were addressed and will receive proper attention.</p> <p>PB provided a list of ancillary activities, including social media connections, which could have a positive effect on any future application.</p> <p>As indicated previously, the meadow area will be included in the Green Flag application which means that the group will not be able to enter for the Green Flag Community Award which relates solely to the meadow area.</p> <p>( iii ) Love Where You Live.</p> <p>PB reported that she attended this local meeting which is a national campaign that drives individuals and organisations to take action and change their behaviour to benefit their local and global environment. An associated scheme is titled Leave only Pawprints a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes and behaviour towards dog fouling. Owners and their dogs sign up to become local champions, signing the pledge, display badges and carry extra bags PB has been appointed Volunteer Ambassador and pop-up promotional events will be held throughout the city. FOHP will follow suit , selecting a fine day and using the gazebo in the park as an assembly point.</p> <p>( iv ) Workday, 24<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>PB reported that the volunteers were engaged in reparation work on the bee bank, weeding and general site maintenance. The remaining time was devoted to coppicing willow stands. The weather was overcast but dry so a satisfactory amount of work was completed.</p>		
<b>6.01.20</b>	<p><b>PARK ISSUES.</b></p> <p>( i ) Proposed Cycle Pathway Scheme. ( General Discussion )</p> <p>Fears were expressed that, if the scheme were implemented, the character of the park would be adversely affected. However, although it was accepted that a minority of cyclists travel too fast and alarm pedestrians, incidents regularly occur,some victims of collisions requiring medical attention . The acquisition of a speed gun was discussed so accurate measurements can be recorded, such devices are available to communities with road traffic issues. It was noted that an increasing number of cyclist will not use or do not possess a bell , generally regarded as an essential safety feature on a shared pathway. As air pollution levels in the inner city are at record levels, the imposition of a congestion charge is almost inevitable which in turn would probably result in even more cycling activity. The scheme requires total approval from all affected parties before work is to commence.</p>		

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<b>7.01.20</b> (1)	<p><b>FOHP ISSUES.</b></p> <p>Social Media.</p> <p>Committee member Russell Todd reported by e-mail.</p> <p>We gained 42 new followers during the Advent Calendar tweets that revealed facts about Hailey Park's history, fauna, flora etc.</p> <p>They seem to be very well received on the whole. We presently have 862 followers. A public Google calendar has been set up into which I have ( or will ) drop dates for workdays, committee meetings and other park events. People can subscribe to it and get the reminders of the events that I have set up: It's here:</p> <p><a href="https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=M3NuMDFqOGpmbmJxMmFOZ2ZoZW1tNThiNWdAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xILmNvbQ">https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=M3NuMDFqOGpmbmJxMmFOZ2ZoZW1tNThiNWdAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xILmNvbQ</a></p> <p>I have also added to the calendar key national/international environmental dates such as World Wildlife Day, Butterfly Day etc .which we can piggyback on social media to help promote aspects of the park in a manner similar to the Advent Calendar tweets. Penny has editorial permission to add/change the calendar. All I require from the committee is the information and pics to go into the tweets. I will give Instagram a big push this year as well. Lastly, I suggested to Penny that we produce some membership "portals" to be placed around Llandaff North and Gabalfa with a QR code that links to the membership page on the website or PayPal. This way people can become a "Friend" there and then when they see the information. I think there is merit in making these look as professional as possible so if there are some funds to put towards producing a quality template then great, but it's not essential. May be someone local can help to design it and I would welcome the committee's thoughts on this particular idea if possible.</p>		
<b>8.01.20</b>	<b>AOB.</b> None.		
<b>9.01.20</b>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>AGM 7.00pm Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.05pm Derek Kinsey, Secretary.</p>		