

## FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH, WEDNESDAY. 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2013

	<p><b>PRESENT.</b></p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSON.</b> Penny Bowers</p> <p><b>SECRETARY.</b> Derek Kinsey</p> <p><b>TREASURER.</b> Donella Smith</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE.</b> Gordon Hann, Esme Farewell, Paul Rock, Birte Langfeldt, Sylvia Ward, Russell Todd.</p> <p><b>PARK RANGER.</b> Gareth Stamp</p>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PAGE 1 OF 3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>1.07.13</b>	<b>APOLOGIES.</b> None.		
<b>2.07.13</b>	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.</b> Cleared funds at bank in the treasurer's report should read £994.63		
<b>3.07.13</b> ( i )  ( ii )  ( iii )	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING.</b></p> <p>6.05.13 ( iv ) Litter Bin. DK produced a copy of a letter sent to the Parks Dept. regarding provision of a litter bin near the Loop Bridge. The facility has been provided.</p> <p>6.05.13 ( vi ) Cycle Census. As the official opening of the Loop Bridge has been delayed the census, to determine extra cycle movements in the park, will be conducted during the next month.</p> <p>8.05.13 ( iv ) Changing Rooms. DK reported that the council anti-graffiti team were contacted on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and had completed the work as requested.</p>	DK.	
<b>4.07.13</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b> DS reported that there had been no financial activity since the last meeting and balances remain unchanged.		
<b>5.07.13</b> ( i )  ( ii )	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b></p> <p>Workday, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. PB reported that the team were engaged in clearing storm damage from trees in the main car park and trimming the vegetation on the eastern border of that area. Six volunteers took part in overcast but dry conditions. Volunteers are soon to be provided with high visibility waistcoats complete with FOHP logo.</p> <p>Cardiff Walking Festival. ( 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May ) PB reported that there had been considerable positive comments on the event with varied groups and associations taking part.</p>		

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<p><b>5.07.13</b> ( iii )</p> <p>( iv )</p> <p>( v )</p>	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS ( Cont. )</b> Local Access Forum. PR reported on the latest meeting of the group which met at the brass band rooms on Tymawr Road. Discussions included the recent pathway improvements in Hailey Park and, as normal practice, the site was examined to assess the standard of work completed. PR expressed concern regarding the extent of contamination by Japanese Knotweed most evident from the bridge vantage. GS responded by agreeing that the eradication program is behind schedule and not adequately resourced. Simply removing the plant is not enough as a substitute planting regime has to be adopted or the knotweed will quickly re-establish.</p> <p>Loop Bridge. PB reported that the bridge will officially open on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am with due ceremony as certain civic dignitaries will attend. It is an important link in the Heritage Trail and will henceforth have the title of Hailey Park Loop Bridge. FOHP will attend and provide refreshments with a pop-up café. Some minor graffiti issues are to be addressed. It is sad to report that within days of completion part of the structure has been vandalised, sections of safety wires were cut on the Radyr end so temporary arrangements are in place.</p> <p>Cardiff Bio-Diversity Partnership. PB reported having attended this quarterly meeting under the aegis of the Policy Action Plan for Wales. FOHP might qualify for grassland site funding. CBP are to create a comprehensive data base to record sightings of all wildlife species. These will be provided by selected volunteers who, after suitable instruction, will be able to access the module with updated information and so provide a more accurate illustration of the general health, or otherwise, of all our native species. Cardiff Bat Group are to install bat boxes in the park..</p>	G.Stamp	
<p><b>6.07.13</b></p>	<p><b>PARK ISSUES.</b> ( i ) Llandaff North Festival. June 29<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>. PB stated that the event appeared to be a great success with increased attendances on last year, the fine weather being a huge bonus. New ideas and concepts for next year are already being considered. Fun Dog Show receipts totalled £144, half of which has been donated to the Llandaff North Christmas Lights Appeal. ( ii ) Illegal Parking. It has been observed that inconsiderate drivers still park on the grass verge at the rear of Hazelhurst Road and not use the top car park near Tymawr Road although the gate keys are always available. Continuous reporting and photo evidence is the only solution to this annoyance. ( iii ) Log Benches. The log bench near the Loop Bridge has yet to be replaced and others in the park are showing signs of wear. Obtaining more of these might prove difficult due to a diminishing resource and an increased demand from other parks. ( iv ) Viper Unit. This unit, part of the playground equipment, is still awaiting repair after being vandalised. The necessary kit has been ordered by the council but no date suggested for installation. As the unit, ideally, needs to be operational for the school holidays, the council will be contacted and requested to expedite the matter.</p>	DK	Letter.

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<b>6.07.13</b>	<p><b>PARK ISSUES. ( Cont. )</b>  (v) Vegetation.  Complaints have been received regarding intrusive vegetation causing visual impediment on the sharp corner of the pathway near the car park. GS stated that this was due to the presence of Japanese Knotweed and to disturb the plant, by attempting to remove at this stage of the growth cycle, would release spores resulting in more infestation.</p> <p>( vi ) Tennis Courts.  PR reported that posts and a net were missing from the provision. DK will contact council official responsible.</p> <p>( vii ) Playground Equipment..  EF stated that the needs of “ intermediate “ children, those above toddler status, have not been catered for in the current arrangements. EF and PR to form sub-committee to source provision.</p>	DK	
<b>7.07.13</b>	<p><b>FOHP ISSUES.</b>  (i ) PB stated that by 2015 all dogs need to be micro-chipped and a short course concerning this practice is available by the manager of the Dogs Home.</p> <p>( ii ) Events for the month include.  17<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday. Friends Groups BBQ AT Forest Farm.  19<sup>th</sup> July Friday 10.00am Hailey Park Loop Bridge Official Opening.  24<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday, 9.00pm Bat Walk.  25<sup>th</sup> July Thursday. 7.30pm. Blooms &amp; Butterflies Walk.</p>		
<b>8.07.13</b>	<p><b>AOB.</b>  None.</p>		
<b>9.07.13</b>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b>  7.30pm, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013.</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 8.50pm.</p> <p>D.Kinsey,  Secretary.</p>		