

## FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

### MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH 7.30pm WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2014

	<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, Russell Todd</p> <p><b>MEMBER.</b> Meriel Jones</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE MEETING WAS DECLARED INQUORATE.</p>		
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<b>1.07.14</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES.</b> Derek Ford, Paul Rock .Esme Farewell</p>		
<b>2.07.14</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.</b> Correction; Re- 5.05.14 (iii ) Paul Rock did not attend the Local Access Forum meeting.</p>		
<b>3.07.14</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING.</b> 7.05.14 ( i ) Poster. DK was instructed to create a simple poster with brief narrative to encourage membership applications, Copies were produced for display on the notice boards. 7.05.14 ( ii ) Bellway Homes. DK was requested to write to Bellway Homes enquiring about a possible direct financial contribution towards the playground scheme., A copy of the letter, dated 29<sup>th</sup> May was produced but, as yet, no response has been received.</p>		
<b>4.07.14</b>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b> DK produced a current Income &amp; Expenditure Account and bank reconciliation statement. Receipts for the year total £410.86 with expenditure at £300.56 leaving cleared funds at £2598.06. The receipts total includes a £100 donation from the landlady of the Royal Exchange, Lorraine Brady. She has indicated that she intends distributing the proceeds of events at the pub to local organisations like FOHP so the group will continue to benefit from her generosity.</p>		
<b>5.07.14</b>	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b> ( i ) Workday, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. PB reported that the allocated task was preparing the bench surfaces and applying a stained preservative. This annual treatment keeps them looking presentable and extends their usage. The volunteers worked in ideal conditions for the process, warm sunshine and light winds, the task was completed within the three hour deadline. Subsequently, one of the treated benches suffered a graffiti attack and had to be re-painted the following week.</p>		

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5.07.14	<p><b>REPORTS – Cont.</b></p> <p>( ii ) Llandaff North Festival &amp; Fun Dog Show, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. PB reported that attendance was down on last year due probably to the inclement weather with heavy showers forecast for the afternoon. The proximity of a commercial event was, perhaps, a further factor. Some stallholders failed to arrive on site and dog show receipts totalled £56.00. A decision regarding the allocation of this fund will be made in due course. The Llandaff North Festival Committee AGM will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>( iii ) Dog Awareness Week. PB attended an event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the Senedd building regarding dog awareness relating particularly to Royal Mail delivery staff. This organisation, together with the Communication Workers Union and certain animal charities, hope to raise awareness of dog safety and responsible dog ownership .Recent changes to the law mean that dog owners can now be prosecuted for attacks that take place even on private property, gardens etc.</p>		
6.07.14	<p><b>PARK ISSUES.</b></p> <p>( i ) Council Meeting. Local representatives will be present when this meeting is convened to allocate Section 106 funds to the respective wards from the Hailey Mews development. Although RT advocated a FOHP representation at the meeting PB doubted if this was viable and expressed a confidence that councillors would act in our best interests regardless.</p> <p>( ii ) Touch Rugby. These events are a sporting feature in the park in the summer months with notable participation levels, However, associated parking problems still persist with local residents denied parking spaces outside their homes .RT reported that Mary Street is severely affected with congestion and irresponsible parking a constant irritation. An approach to the organisers to promote car sharing might have a limited effect and PB will raise the issue at the next PACT meeting. Meanwhile, DK will write to the local councillors expressing these concerns with photographs supplied by RT depicting the problems being experienced.</p> <p>( iii ) Wildflower Area. It was previously agreed that the plot of land at the Tymawr entrance to the park is to be prepared and sown with wildflower seed to provide a natural, colourful display . However, a council team incorrectly prepared a site on the grass at the Radyr Road entrance by mistake.</p> <p>( iv ) Camping. This activity still appears to be continuing despite intervention from the park rangers. Associated litter problems are a concern as the sector includes a designated Site of Interest for Nature Conservation.</p> <p>( v ) Anti Social Behaviour. Although motor cycle activity has been reduced, it still occurs causing alarm and distress .With the school holidays approaching, reports will, no doubt, escalate keeping the snatch teams busy. Alcohol consumption still prevails especially in the playground area with bottles and broken glass a regular feature. A litter bin near the car park was torched and a fires lit in the hedgerow near the river by the electricity pylon. The use of barbecues should be discouraged as they generally result in the scorching of grass. However some council parks have set aside defined areas where these appliances are allowed.</p>	DK	ASAP

<p><b>7.07.14</b></p>	<p><b>FOHP ISSUES.</b>                  ( i ) Business/ Introduction Cards.                  PB suggested that she design a business/introduction card for committee members to distribute. Utilizing her computer skills it is possible to create an impressive, bespoke example, that, when professionally printed, will help facilitate membership enrolment.</p>	<p>PB</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><b>8.07.14</b></p>	<p><b>AOB.</b>                  ( i ) Meriel Jones.                  Meriel has been a committed and dedicated member of FOHP since its inauguration and has been able to establish an even closer connection with the group through her work organising the outdoor activities of Hawthorn Road School, these included many Hailey Park visits. Meriel has been selected as Education &amp; Outreach Officer at the Bute Park Education Centre but the group still hope to remain in close contact and benefit from the professional knowledge and expertise that she will be able to acquire and impart as a consequence of this notable appointment.</p>		
<p><b>9.07.14</b></p>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b>                  7.30pm Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.50pm</p> <p>D.Kinsey,                  Secretary.</p>		