

## FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

**MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE  
ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH,  
7.30PM, WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2015.**

	<p><b>PRESENT.</b></p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSON.</b> Penny Bowers</p> <p><b>SECRETARY/ TREASURER</b> Derek Kinsey</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE</b> Esme Farewell, Paul Rock, Donella Smith</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>1.07.15</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES.</b> Sylvia Ward, Derek Ford.</p>		
<b>2.07.15</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.</b> These were read and accepted as accurate.</p>		
<b>3.07.15</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b> 3.05.15 ( i ) - Sign at Tymawr Road entrance. DK confirmed contact by e-mail with sign maker and ex-member Gareth Lewis now residing in Bristol. He states, by e-mail dated 16<sup>th</sup> June, that he will attend to the matter as soon as possible. 5.05.15 ( ii ) – Cardiff Rivers Group. DK produced a copy of the e-mail, dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, forwarded to this organisation thanking them for the clean up exercise along the Taff river banks through the park. 6.05.15 ( vi ) – Basket Ball Hoop. DK produced a copy of the e-mail, dated 27<sup>th</sup> May, sent to Penny Daw ( Parks Development Officer ) thanking her for her assistance in the new arrangements.</p>	DK	
<b>4.07.15</b>	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT.</b> DK confirmed that the credit balance b/f on the Income &amp; Expenditure A/C at 1<sup>ST</sup> June was £3777.97. Larger accounts settled in the interim period include insurances amounting to £190.80 and meadow pathway repairs of £750 payable to Cardiff Council. A further donation of £100 has been received from Bellway Homes and the Fun Dog Show receipts from the summer festival amounted to £102.00. The revised credit balance c/f at 1<sup>st</sup> July is £3064.17.</p>		
<b>5.07.15</b>	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b> ( i ) – Workday, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. PB reported that 10 volunteers were engaged in two exercises. The first, to remove a quantity of himalayan balsam along the pathway near the tennis courts. This plant is an invasive species and control involves regular attention as a single plant can produce over 2000 seeds which are spread over a distance. The second task was to tidy the outside perimeter of the tennis courts removing weeds and trimming the grass. It was a fine, warm day with plenty of sunshine and the tasks were completed by 5.00pm.</p>		

	<p>Workday Sunday 28 June Bug Walk replaced the workday for Sunday 28 June as it occurred during the Llandaff North Summer Festival; however, due to bad weather it had to be cancelled</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Page 2 of 3</b></p>		
5.07.15	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS . ( Cont. )</b> ( ii ) Friends Forum – Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. * DK attended this meeting on behalf of the group and reported that the meeting was addressed by Carolyn Robertson of RSPB and project manager of the initiative Give Nature a Home. With reference to the TV adverts she demonstrated how simple habitats can be improvised to give a range of creatures a home. * Confirmation was given that £230K was lost from the council’s parks budget for 2015/2015 due to the austerity cuts. * It was agreed that the meetings between local representatives and the Friends Groups that took place in early 2015 to oppose the cuts to parks services should re-convene as soon as possible. It is feared that further budget reductions could affect the viability of the ranger service and so threaten the very existence of all the Friends Groups. * Love Parks Week 24<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August. * Friends Group BBQ confirmed Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm Forest Farm.</p>		
6.07.15	<p><b>PARK ISSUES.</b> ( i ) Bowling Green Development. PR &amp; EF updated the committee on the progress of the scheme and the relevant details were as follows: * Total funds available to date amount to £122K ( £62K Section 106 &amp; £60K insurance. * Application can be made to more than one Landfill Operator, certain restrictions and benefits apply. * To obtain Landfill Community Funding the group need to demonstrate that we have engaged in consultation , the management plan work and further dialogue with families and children should suffice with local schools and Llandaff Festival additional options. [Llandaff North Summer Festival was over by time of this meeting and nothing was done at it anyway re consultation as not enough time to prepare – may be miss it off here as not sure why its here] * LCF can only be used to fund facilities open to the general public a minimum of 104 days per year. The playground would qualify a community café/toilet facility might not. * Section 106 funds from the BBC site development would not apply because of the distant nature of that project and the retailer Lidl are under no obligation to contribute as their scheme is commercial so not liable. * The Management Plan should be completed by September 2015 and will incorporate a stated aim to obtain Green Flag status for the whole park. * Four possible funders have been identified and proposed intention is that a bid writer be engaged by the group to assist the process. * The project should be designed so that the area requires minimum maintenance which will please the council parks department. Workday volunteers can be trained in routine maintenance and the re-location of the tots play area to the larger compound will further reduce council costs in this respect. The bit re training volunteers was something discussed at meeting with council but here it suggests it will go ahead in way it is written plus discussion was how doubtful an option this would be * Vandalism is a current problem, recently trees and a signpost have been targeted and the proposed site will be vulnerable.</p>	GS	ASAP

	<p>( ii ) Loop Bridge. PB reported that the Loop Bridge has suffered a graffiti attack. Although the incident has been reported, the ranger service has the appropriate paint to restore.</p> <p>( iii ) Log Circle. This compound was constructed by the group to help school children with their nature studies. The secluded aspect of the site has meant that incidents of anti social behaviour have been reported.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Page 3 of 3</b></p>		
<b>6.07.15</b>	<p><b>PARK ISSUES ( Cont. )</b> ( iii ) Log Circle. Fires have been started and quantities of litter desecrate the plot. The area will receive an increased level of surveillance and supervision.</p>	DK	
<b>7.07.15</b>	<p><b>FOHP ISSUES.</b> ( i ) Green Flag Community Award. PB reported that although the judging for the award took place in early May ,the panel have acknowledged that the decision is much overdue because of a variety of reasons. If the application is successful, it will mean the group would have gained Green Flag status in four consecutive years, almost a unique achievement.</p> <p>( ii ) Map. EF is to produce a map of the area detailing the park location, the image can also be transferred to the web site.</p>	EF	ASAP
<b>8.07.15</b>	<p><b>AOB.</b> None. I brought up Out of the Woods Festival (organised by Parks Dept in Sophia Gardens) coming up on 22 August and while I will be doing the dog show, members of various friends groups will be in attendance under the Friends Forum umbrella promoting friends groups in the city [hence the need for a map of where HP is]</p>		
<b>9.07.15</b>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b> 7.30pm Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.40pm.</p> <p>D.Kinsey</p> <p>Secretary.</p>		

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