

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

**MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE
TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH AT 7.00pm WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY 2018.**

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| | <p>PRESENT:</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY/ TREASURER. Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Mike Matty, Cheney Drew, Paul Rock</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp.</p> | | |
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| 1.07.18 | <p>APOLOGIES. Derek Ford, Russell Todd.</p> | | |
| 2.07.18 | <p>MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING. 5.05.18 (ii) Matthew Harris is the ecologist mentioned. 7.05.18 (i) General Data Protection Regulations.- Transition period for this legislation ended 23rd May 2018.</p> | | |
| 3.07.18 | <p>MATTERS ARISING. PARK ISSUES - 6.05.18 (v) Meadow Interpretation Board. It was agreed that GS obtain quotes for the restoration of this item, one in timber and another in recycled plastic. Artwork, to be upgraded, and provided free by council specialist. PARK ISSUES - . 6.05.18 (vi) Management Plan/ Green Flag PR presented a log of identified tasks that need to be addressed if Green Flag status is to be achieved together with a Hailey Park sustainable travel policy. These documents had previously been forwarded to committee members for comment and amendment. Among suggested additions, PB advocated that the Tymawr Road car park should display a closing time and marshalls should be selected for sports events. MM proposed that the log should include an impact factor on a prescribed scale and projects that need to be completed listed as short, medium and long term. These documents, when updated, will supplement the management plan and facilitate future dialogue with appointed council officials who will initially receive copies by e-mail. A comparison with the conclusions of the council should form the basis of the plan which should be concise but comprehensive and easily defined for the adjudicator to follow. The Council Park's strategy is to increase the number of Green Flag status parks in the city and, although Hailey Park, with moderate progress, could achieve a comfortable pass it will be necessary to demonstrate an emphasis on continual improvement. Grant funding, especially for maintenance projects, is difficult to obtain, applying specialist knowledge could be the solution to the problem.</p> | PR | |

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| <p>4.07.18</p> | <p>TREASURER'S REPORT. DK reported that I/E account balance at 30th June amounted to £3012.97 and this agreed with the bank statements. Purchases over the period have included stationery items totalling £102.94 payment of the insurances at £201.60. Subscription revenue received amounted to £33.60 with a further £35.10 net expected via Paypal over the next two months .Available funds have therefore increased by £75.67 since 1st January.</p> | | |
| <p>5.07.18 (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi)</p> | <p>BRIEF REPORTS. Workday, Sunday 27th May. PB reported that an impressive number of volunteers attended and were tasked with removing intrusive vegetation along the roadway leading to the changing rooms Gutters were cleaned and the park entrance environs cleared of grass and weeds leaving the area much tidier and appealing. The weather was extremely hot so the beverages and cakes were most welcome at break time. Workday, Sunday 24th June. PB reported that the volunteers were tasked with removing himalayan balsam adjacent to the pathway at the southern end of the park. The plant is easily removed by pulling and discarding. Constant attention to this foreign invader has resulted in much less growth in the area and this is clearly obvious considering the level of contamination observed a few years ago. Although, again it was a very hot day, the trees afforded some shelter from the sun. Tennis Courts. PB reported that she met with Cllr Dilwar Ali regarding the debate on the configuration of the tennis courts i.e. whether part of the compound be used as a dog training area. This suggestion, after consultation with experts, is not regarded as viable. and, considering the strong objections by local residents when it was proposed that part of the area be used for other ball related sports, the conclusion was that the courts format remain unchanged. PB intends to write to the councillors expressing displeasure regarding funding arrangements for the project. Work on the project has come to a temporary halt as the contractor became aware that the subgrade beneath the tarmac surface was in a worse condition than anticipated .In the meantime, the contractor has modified the planned work programme while affordable solutions to resolve the issue were investigated. FOHP Summer Fair. PB reported on another successful event, more stall holders and increased attendance despite other local attractions. Some concern was expressed that the dogs present were uncomfortable in the heat but no less than five vets were present to monitor their welfare, numerous drinking bowls were provided and the paddling pools were a popular feature. PR advocated that the work load for future events should involve more volunteers. Community Trust. PR reported that he is organising a meeting with the intention of creating a Llandaff North Community Trust, an organisation that will be able to co-ordinate funding for specified projects .The meeting is to convene at 3.00pm on Saturday, 14th July at Llandaff North Hyb (old library building) . If you have an interest, please make every effort to attend. Green Flag Community Awards – Barry, Tuesday 17th July. PB to attend on behalf of the group where, hopefully, FOHP will receive a sixth consecutive award, a notable achievement</p> | <p>PB</p> | |

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| 5.07.18 (vii) | BRIEF REPORTS (Cont.) GR reported that contacts were resumed with audiologist Sonja Jones of the Forest School project and, after certain details had been provided, escorted groups are to be allowed into the park. | | |
| 6.07.18 | PARK ISSUES. None. | | |
| 7.07.18 | FOHP ISSUES. Bee Friendly Llandaff North. PB advocated that, in order to improve the biodiversity in parks, every effort must be made to assist the pollinators i.e. making and locating bug refuges. The idea is to establish a Bee Friendly Llandaff North. Similar groups are operating in other boroughs so it would be possible to co-ordinate activities and perhaps get schools involved. A more sensible mowing regime in parks would certainly help the cause and this is being examined. | | |
| 8.07.18 | AOB. None | | |
| 9.07.18 | DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.00pm Wednesday 5 th September 2018 Meeting Closed 8.06pm D.Kinsey, Secretary. | | |