

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT LLANDAF NORTH RUGBY CLUB
WEDNESDAY, 3RD MARCH 2010 AT 7.30PM.

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>SECRETARY. Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE MEMBER. Paul Rock, Francis Jones, Sarah Lewis Meriel Jones.</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp.</p> <p>THE MEETING WAS DECLARED INQUORATE.</p>		
ITEM	PAGE 1 OF 3	ACTION	DATE
1.03.10	<p>APOLOGIES. Penny Bowers, Russell Todd, Donella Smith.</p>		
2.03.10	<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. The minutes of the meeting of 6th January were read and accepted as accurate.</p>		
3.03.10	<p>MATTERS ARISING.</p> <p>6.11.09 - Pathway Signage. Installation is overdue because of their comparative complex construction that involves vetting procedures by various concerned authorities so that signage conform to standards.</p> <p>8.11.09 - Playground Sub Committee. The committee reported that a meeting has been arranged for Friday, 5th March in the park with the playgrounds officer Paul Freeman when options and procedures will be discussed.</p> <p>6.09.09 - Meadow Interpretation Board. Text and photographic content has been agreed. Funds will be available from 1st April through the biodiversity officer. Depending on resources, a further board may become available.</p>		<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>
4.03.10	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer absent.</p>		
5.03.10	<p>BRIEF REPORTS.</p> <p>(i) Workday, Sunday 31st January. D.Kinsey reported that seven volunteers attended and the group were engaged in pathway maintenance and edging at the rear of the changing rooms. About 100 yards in total was treated but the task is incomplete with a short section needing attention. Weather conditions were extremely cold but dry.</p> <p>(ii) Workday, Sunday 31st February. D.Kinsey reported that eight volunteers attended and three sites in the park received attention. The first task was to remove scrub from area of grass just inside the Tymawr Road entrance. The site needs strimming and, with soil improvement, could benefit from a mass planting of spring flowering bulbs. Ranger to investigate options. Next, the bank on the pathway leaving the overflow car park was thinned removing mainly buddleia leaving a sunny site suitable for invertebrates</p>	G.Stamp	Next Meeting

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5.03.10	<p>BRIEF REPORTS. (CONT.) The afternoon's activities were concluded by removing scrub from the meadow near the projected pond site. The weather was again fine with plenty of sunshine and cool</p> <p>(iii) Friends Forum, Wednesday 27th January. D.Kinsey attended this meeting on behalf of the group and reported the following. (i) No staff changes reported. (ii) Work to start soon on the Mellingriffith Water Engine, first stage completion by June. (iii) Those parks affected by dog exclusion orders will be receive notification from John Maidment who has the results of the review. (iv) Funding has been lost for the events program booklet but a wall planner will be created for distribution by the end of February and will be shown on the park's website. (v) Voluntary help has been secured to assist in creation of a Friends Forum website. (vi) 2010 is the international year for biodiversity, much publicity with posters prepared etc. and no funding cuts. (vii) There are now 16 Friends Groups operating under Cardiff Parks direction. (viii) As part of the developments in Bute Park, an educational training centre is being established to operate from 2011 and could prove very beneficial for Friends Group members.</p> <p>(iv) Local Access Forum. Member Paul Rock was invited to join the Local Access Forum which met at the City Hall with about forty attending. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 required appointed authorities to establish Local Access Forums who will advise the authorities as to the improvement of public access to land in the area to aid recreation and enjoyment. Of particular concern is an improvement plan addressing a countryside agenda with significance in particular to Friends Groups and their activities.</p> <p>(v) Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers. Gareth Stamp reported that this group was engaged in a stone clearance exercise in the park under his supervision.</p> <p>(vi) Walk for Health, Tuesday 19th February. Gareth Stamp reported that sizeable group commenced the walk from the Colwill Road Community Centre to Hailey Park where they were given a brief introduction by the ranger on park management. The walkers then retraced their steps back down the Taff Trail into Bute Park before returning to Colwill Road.</p>		
6.03.10	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) The motor cycle response team is now operating again, funding having been secured.</p> <p>(ii) All PACT priorities have been switched to Gabalfa</p> <p>(iii) Considerable graffiti on the rugby club building facing Radyr Road/ West Road lane. D.Kinsey to approach the club with an offer to paint over.</p>	D.Kinsey	

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<p>6.03.10 (iv)</p> <p>(v)</p>	<p>PARK ISSUES. (CONT.) The meadow has been officially recognised as a SINC. (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) due to the presence of the conehead grasshopper and various unspecified vegetation.</p> <p>The larger playground area, on a Saturday night, is used regularly as a site to consume excessive amounts of alcohol. The area is left strewn with litter and broken glass bottles to the extent that it is unsafe to use. Incidents are reported through 101, the police and local councillors informed. Possible implementation of Designated Public Place Orders would be a drastic but final solution to the problem. The situation will remain under review.</p>	D.Kinsey	Next Meeting
<p>8.03.10 (i)</p>	<p>AOB. There has been a noticeable increase in the incidence of dog fouling especially in the meadow area. The ranger confirmed that enforcement officers have patrolled the park recently. It was agreed that such contamination, as well as being a health hazard, could impinge on the group's attempt to achieve a Green Pennant award. Poster campaign to continue with dog owners reminded of their responsibilities.</p>	P.Bowers	Next Meeting
<p>9.03.10</p>	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.30pm Wednesday, 7th April – Annual General Meeting</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.31 pm.</p> <p>D.Kinsey, Secretary.</p>		