

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK
MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT
THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH,
7.45 PM, WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY 2011.

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers SECRETARY. Derek Kinsey TREASURER. Donella Smith</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Sarah Lewis, Gareth Lewis, Paul Rock, Gordon Hann, Sylvia Ward.</p> <p>MEMBERS. Meriel Jones, Pendre Sims, Wm. Mannings, Penelope Mannings.</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp.</p>		
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1.05.11	APOLOGIES. Francis Jones, Sue Youngman.		
2.05.11	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. The minutes of the March meeting were read and accepted as accurate.		
3.05.11	<p>MATTERS ARISING.</p> <p>3.03.11 (ii) – Playground Scheme. PR stated that all original supplementary funds from the council playground budget and Section 106 monies are still in place .March 2012 remains deadline for allocation of grant funds .Consultation process must commence as soon as possible with the playground committee to re-convene and work to the revised timetable. £80K represents the target amount from direct grant aid as the scheme meets all qualifying criteria. Additional funding through local businesses is to be explored.</p> <p>5.03.11 (iv) - Cycling Code of Conduct. PB & GS attended a meeting on the 20th April to discuss the project.Also present were Jen Nelson of Outdoor Cardiff and the council cycling officer.Analysis of the Code of Conduct questionnaires was discussed and how the information could be incorporated into a viable scheme with the installation of permanent signage, basic rules applying regarding cyclists giving way to pedestrians and owners controlling their dogs. A survey is to be undertaken by DK to ascertain volumes of cycle traffic through the park during peak periods.</p>	<p>P.Rock</p> <p>D.Kinsey</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>
4.05.11 (i)	<p>BRIEF REPORTS.</p> <p>Bowls Pavilion. DK reported that on Wednesday, 6th April he and PB attended a meeting at the Heath Park offices to express concerns regarding the bowls pavilion. Also present were Jon Maidment, Head of Parks, Adam Beach, Cllrs. Ann Rowland-James, Jacqui Hooper and park ranger Gareth Stamp. The hope was to progress pavilion situation and the meeting was informed that the loss adjustor had settled for a figure of £60K with contingencies.Demolition costs could amount from £8K - £15K although competition for the work might show a reduction.Tenders were to be issued immediately so the process of clearance will commence shortly. It was agreed that total demolition was the only viable option because:</p>		

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<p>5.05.11</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p>	<p>BRIEF REPORTS. (Cont.)</p> <p>(i) The structure is in a generally poor condition and does not meet any modern day standards.</p> <p>(ii) As a wooden building, it will always represent future fire risk.</p> <p>(iii) Considering its vulnerability, insurance cover would be difficult to arrange.</p> <p>The group, through the council, might have access to a Building Asset Renewal Fund to supplement any financial shortfall.</p> <p>The meeting was invited to inspect a unit in Heath Park which could replace the pavilion. It is practically vandal proof and can be configured to any reasonable specification to include meeting rooms, kitchen and toilets etc. Dimensions would be approx. 60 sq/m whereas the bowls pavilion is about 150 sq/m Ideally, two such units would be preferable but insurance receipts would not cover the costs Alternative funding sources are to be explored and regular press releases promised.</p> <p>Friends Forum Meeting. – Wednesday, 16th March.</p> <p>DK attended on behalf of the group at the Heath Park offices.</p> <p>Confirmation was received regarding the retirement of Conservation Officer Chris Powell on 30 June. The forum will operate a rotating chair for the time being. Out of the Woods event will take place in Coopers Field, Bute Park on Sunday 21st August. An extensive events page will be published in the Capital Times next issue and delegates were made aware of the availability of the Countryside on your Doorstep grants linked to habitat expansion projects. The forum BBQ will take place at Forest Farm on Wednesday, 6th July. There is no charge for the meal but organisers like to be aware of numbers attending so please inform DK if you intend doing so.</p> <p>There are now 21 Friends Groups operating throughout the city.</p> <p>PB reported that she and Sue Youngman attended a meeting on Monday, 21st March at Lansdowne School, it was an event arranged through a community arts charity called People Around Here funded by Tidy Towns. The intention was to promote an Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign and 420 pupils from seven schools are taking part in designing supportive literature through cartoon strips, flyers etc. featuring a certain dog's adventures. Winning entries will be featured in local newspapers and the initiative is intended to gradually extend to the rest of the city. The campaign slogan is " Any Bag and a Bin, Scoop It, Tie It, Drop It In"</p>		
<p>6.05.11</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p>	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) The new PCSO for the area is Mollie Jones (54823) and she is due to attend future group meetings. After making reference she did explain that parking on the grass verges, at the rear of Bellevue Crescent during rugby events, is a police and not a council responsibility.</p> <p>(ii) Vandalism appears to be on the increase. Direction signs have been removed, the larger log circle has been damaged by fire and the car park log boundaries damaged. Apparently, no funds are available for replacement of the latter It was observed that police patrols are too infrequent and occur at inappropriate times. The issue will be reported at the next PACT meeting by the group delegate.</p>		

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7.05.11 (i)	FOHP ISSUES. The treasurer presented an invoice for payment in respect of the supply of membership cards .After reference to group minutes and accounts it was concluded no sums were due and the matter was deferred.		
8.05.11 (i)	AOB. The group have been made aware that Llandaff North Rugby Club have submitted an elaborate scheme to the council requesting the provision, in total , of six rugby pitches within the park .Proposals include significant fencing arrangements and considerable drainage works. Fears were expressed regarding the character of the park being permanently blighted should the plans be approved.		
9.05.11	DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday, 13 th July 2011 at 7,30 pm.		
	Meeting Closed 8.55 pm. D.Kinsey, Secretary.		