

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

**MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE,
TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM.**

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>SECRETARY. Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Esme Farewell, Paul Rock, Donella Smith Gordon Hann</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp</p> <p>MEMBER. C.Ward</p>		
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1.05.14	APOLOGIES. Penny Bowers, Russell Todd, Sylvia Ward.		
2.05.14	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. These were read and accepted as accurate.		
3.05.14	MATTERS ARISING. 6.01.14 (ii) Car Park. The leaf residue in the car park and adjacent pathway has been removed.		
4.05.14	TREASURER'S REPORT. DK reported that the credit balance b/f on the Income & Expenditure A/c from 31/3/2014 was £2487.76. Credits since that date include cash subscriptions of £216.00 and a transfer from the Paypal A/C for the same item for £56.70. Expenditure of £65.98 relates to components for the notice board. The revised account balance c/f is £2694.48, a net increase of £206.72.		
5.05.14	BRIEF REPORTS. (i) Friends Forum Meeting Wednesday, 30 th April. DK attended at the Wedal Road offices on behalf of the group. Representatives were encouraged to explore funding opportunities from Environment Wales an organisation pledged to offer financial support to voluntary bodies within the Principality. More staff redundancies were announced in the Parks Dept and related consortiums and fears were expressed that standards would be adversely affected. Only one ecologist remains in post and the relocation process of the administration unit at Heath Park to Forest Farm is almost complete. Special diary dates are Friends Forum BBQ on Wednesday, 16 th July and the Out of the Woods event on Sunday, 17 th August. (ii) Playground Committee Meeting Tuesday, 1 st April. EF & PR met with the Playground Officer Janet Pike regarding the replacement, upgrading and possible relocation of units to accommodate those in the age group not currently catered for. The Landscape Officer is to be included in the decision making process, this considered most essential.		

5.05.14	<p>BRIEF REPORTS.</p> <p>(ii) Playground Committee (Cont.) One suggestion offered was to relocate the basketball equipment from the playground to the hardstanding thereby releasing a significant area of the playground for further units. The conclusion was that to properly develop the whole site, including the bowling green, would be prohibitively expensive and cost well in excess of any anticipated Section 106 funds and insurance proceeds already held.</p> <p>(iii) Local Access Forum, Wednesday 7th May. Both GS & PR attended this meeting where topics included Cycling in Parks and an assessment of the effectiveness of the Code of Conduct. Council opinion is that it has had a limited positive effect although too many incidents of conflict between cyclists and pedestrians are occurring. Proposals to widen the pathway would encourage cyclists to proceed even faster. To introduce a meander into the pathway through redesign would be of benefit but current financial restraints preclude this solution.</p>		
6.05.14	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) Touch Rugby. DW commented on the car parking chaos when these weekly events occur. Although the overflow car park off Tymawr Road is open, stewarding arrangements are generally inadequate and need to be reviewed as local residents are being inconvenienced. Those personnel responsible should endeavour to co-operate and acknowledge that current provisions do not fulfil the necessary criteria. The situation will continue to be monitored.</p> <p>(ii) Litter & Anti Social Behaviour. GS reported on a higher incidence of anti social behaviour including vandalism and litter associated with illegal camping. Sites adjacent to the railway line in the meadow are being used by rough sleepers and are left in a dangerous condition .Nails are being driven into trees to secure camping equipment and not removed. When such sites are reported to the ranger service the campers are instructed to vacate at once and not return.</p>		
7.05.14	<p>FOHP ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) Membership. DK reported that, although new members had joined in the year, there had been a significant fall in membership numbers due mainly to families relocating. A poster will be created by DK for display on the notice boards encouraging park users to join. The subscription collection process is almost complete and the committee agreed to award a nominal expense claim for car fuel usage to DK as members are now spread over nine Cardiff boroughs</p> <p>(ii) Appointment of Treasurer. At the AGM of the group on the 5th March, Derek Ford was provisionally elected as treasurer, in fact by proxy as he did not attend but was nominated. DK met with DF on the Friday, 29th March delivered all associated documentation and discussed the nature of the accounts needed to be produced. Although wholly qualified to perform the role, in the circumstances, the following arrangement was agreed. DF would audit 2013/2014 accounts, DK would assume the role of treasurer for one year 2014/2015 and DF would audit this work. DF would become a current committee member and be appointed treasurer at the 2015 AGM. The committee agreed to these proposals and the bank will be informed</p>	DK	AT ONCE

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8.05.14	<p>AOB.</p> <p>(i) Bellway Homes. These housebuilders are constructing on the old industrial site adjacent to the park and the site is to be named Hailey Mews. Because of its proximity to the park and adopted title DK suggested that a direct approach to the company for financial assistance in respect of the playground development scheme Certain parties have suggested that such an approach could receive a sympathetic response especially if arranged with appropriate publicity</p> <p>(ii) Cardiff Walking Festival from Saturday 3rd May – Sunday 11th May. FOHP involvement in this event commences on Friday 9th May at 6.00pm a Heritage Walk in the park and the locality On Saturday 10th May at mid day, FOHP are joining up with South Wales Orienteering on a fun orienteering walk in order to introduce the sport to a wider audience and make this event as family friendly as possible .Two routes are planned so as to provide an element of interest and an enjoyable method of getting fit.</p> <p>(iii) Llandaff North Summer Fair & FOHP Fun Dog Show. This event will take place in the park on Saturday, 28th June</p>	DK	AT ONCE
9.05.14	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.30pm Wednesday, 2nd July 2014.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.50pm.</p> <p>Derek Kinsey, Secretary.</p>		

