

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

**MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE
ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD , LLANDAFF NORTH
7.00PM WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY 2018**

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY/ TREASURER Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Mike Matty, Derek Ford, Paul Rock.</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp.</p>		
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1.05.18	<p>APOLOGIES. Donella Smith, Cheney Drew, Russell Todd</p>		
2.05.18	<p>MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING. These were read and accepted as accurate.</p>		
3.05.18	<p>MATTERS ARISING. None</p>		
4.05.18	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT. DK stated that funds at bank on 1st April amounted to £3294.70 Only one payment recorded for £14.99 and subscription revenue received of £38.70 since last report. .Revised credit balance 1st May shown as £3318.41. There are no creditor balances.</p>		
5.05.15 (i)	<p>BRIEF REPORTS. PB reported that she attended a meeting Friday, 20th April at the Bute Park Education Centre with representatives from other Friends groups regarding improving bio-diversity in Cardiff parks. Also in attendance were Mark Tozer, Nicola Hutchinson, Rob Jones and John Maidment all council officials. The assertion is that bio-diversity can be improved if mowing regimes and practices are better regulated as grass cutting, particularly, often takes place at the wrong time and location. This has resulted in valuable fauna and even wild life destroyed. Again, communication issues were stressed and it was agreed that Rob Jones is to liaise with the Friends groups through the Friends Forum meetings, a collective discussion body including all Friends groups.</p>		

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5.05.15	<p>BRIEF REPORTS (Cont.)</p> <p>Public engagement matters were emphasised as selective mowing suggested a cost cutting approach. Appropriate signage is to be introduced informing that a particular area is bee or butterfly friendly and the project will again be monitored through Friends Forum.</p> <p>(ii) Taff Trail Improvements.</p> <p>PB reported that all necessary information had been collated and incorporated into a final plan for presentation to selected council officers prior to release to stakeholders etc. Agreed improvements to be implemented in the financial year 2019/2020. Consultation process is due to begin in early May. It was observed that Sustrans recommendations regarding the scheme would have been influenced by the contents of the Active Travel Bill, an instrument created on questionable demographics. Basic information to hand suggests that the pathway through the park is to be widened with no segregation ..Ecologist Matthew Paris is also engaged to ensure habitat and bio-diversity are suitably protected. PR advocated access to the first draft as soon as possible as this is the optimum phase when suggested amendments can be incorporated into the final document.</p> <p>(iii) Friends Forum Meeting Wednesday, 25th April</p> <p>DK attended on behalf of the group. The events programme has been printed and is available in libraries, retail outlets etc. Mowing regimes, mentioned above, were discussed and liaising and monitoring procedures agreed so that a closer co-operation ethos will become the normal practice.</p> <p>(iv) The BBQ date at Forest Farm is Wednesday, 11th July.</p> <p>(v) Workday, Sunday April 22nd.</p> <p>PB reported that the volunteers planted further elm trees near the loop bridge and renovated the bee bank near the smaller car park as well as laying refuge mats for reptiles. The remaining time was devoted to pathway maintenance, removing debris and intrusive vegetation, sweeping and edging. The weather was overcast , cool and dry.</p>		
6.05.18	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) PB reported that the Green Flag Community Award judging relating to the meadow area will take place on Wednesday, 9th May.</p> <p>(ii) Tennis Courts.</p> <p>The sum of £69000 is currently available plus Champions League legacy funds to supplement for the refurbishment of four courts. Possible Section 106 funds could finance work on the remaining two courts.</p> <p>(iii) Basket Ball Court.</p> <p>Local residents have complained about excessive noise from players using this facility located adjacent to Hailey Mews. As the evenings are getting longer and summer approaches, noise levels are unacceptable at very late periods in the day. The situation will be closely monitored.</p>		

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<p>6.05.18 (iv)</p>	<p>PARK ISSUES (Cont.) Litter Bins. It was agreed that the number of litter bins in the park, particularly in the car park area, are inadequate. The current lone facility is unable to cope especially at rugby events when excessive litter is merely discarded in the vicinity of the bin when it is at capacity .An active social media campaign has resulted in more frequent collections and a possible further provision.</p> <p>(v) Meadow Interpretation Board. GS stated that the wooden frame of the board is at an advanced stage of disrepair with parts rotting and detached. Although the art work can be upgraded and completed by the council technical group free of charge, other repairs are the responsibility of the Friends. GS advocated that, as the group have sufficient funds, these should be released to finance this important project.</p> <p>(vi) Management Plan/Green Flag . GS stated that, if the group were to achieve the ambition of a Green Flag for the whole park, issues would have to be identified and appropriate measures adopted. These issues should be listed as short/medium and long term as a supplement to the management plan, that in its present form, is considered unimpressive. PR proposed creating a spreadsheet relating to these tasks that would serve as an appendix to the management plan. PR also advocated that Hailey Park should have a sustainable travel plan in an attempt to reduce car movements and associated parking problems.</p>	<p>GS</p> <p>PR</p>	
<p>7.05.18 (i)</p>	<p>FOHP ISSUES. EU General Data Protection Regulations May 2018. These regulations are likely to be converted into UK law in the near future. The National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces is the umbrella organisation representing local Friends groups throughout the UK. It is their conclusion that small community groups and not-for-profit organisations will not have to register. However, they will be expected to be mindful of the spirit, basic principles and responsibilities of data protection and personal privacy. Individuals on e-mail lists must have the opportunity to unsubscribe, private data is not misused or passed on to third parties. The only reason that personal individual data is held by the group is that the group are able to fulfil its obligations to convey necessary information to the member. Members should be informed what information is held i.e address ,telephone number, e-mail address. The current register of members includes a subscription payment record and, as a financial document is examined by a lay auditor. A supplementary register will now be created for audit purposes detailing only the member’s number and name.</p>	<p>DK</p>	

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7.05.18 (ii)	FOHP ISSUES (CONT.) Summer Fair. This event is due to take place on Saturday 30 th June with stalls etc and the popular Fun Dog Show.-Volunteers wanted Associated interests include acoustic music over two nights and a bar serving craft beer.		
(iii)	Forest Schools Project. GS stated that there had been no recent contact with the audiologist and co-ordinator Sonja Jones.		
8.05.18 (i)	AOB. Forest Farm Summer Show. This is due to take place on Saturday, 26 th May between 10.00am – 4.00pm with many interesting activities, including Fun Dog Show, well worth a visit.		
9.05.18	DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.00pm Wednesday, 4 th July 2018. Meeting Closed 8.24pm Derek Kinsey, Secretary.		