

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY 2019

	<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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1.05.19	APOLOGIES. Russell Todd		
2.05.19	MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING. These were read and accepted as accurate.		
3.05.19	<p>MATTERS ARISING.</p> <p>(i) 6.09.18 (iii) – Rugby Club Equipment Container. GS confirmed that officials from Parks Department have been made aware of the problem and will resolve the issue .No date specified for the Green Flag inspection, probably mid to late May.</p> <p>(ii) 6.09.18 (iv) – Pop –Up Café. PR stated there were no further developments.</p> <p>(iii) 6.09.18 (v) – New Meadow Interpretation Board. Design, structure and costs have been agreed so installation can proceed. Llandaff North Charitable Trust.</p> <p>(iv) PB stated that this matter was raised at the PACT meeting, no conclusions however. PR confirmed that he had discussions with Cllr. J Burke-Davies and agreed a way forward. Inter-political disputes have not assisted the cause.</p>		
4.05.19	<p>TREASURER' S REPORT.</p> <p>DK confirmed that the subscription collection process is complete. Cash received totalled £291 plus donations of £37. Subscriptions to date by PayPal total £89.10 with donations of £62.39 providing a grand total of £479.49. Minor creditor accounts have been settled amounting to £51.46 and payment of an invoice relating to the supply of primroses. These were planted in the park by the group but a quantity were stolen. The PayPal donations sum included a donation of £50 from a lady as part restitution for the theft. The credit balance at bank on 30th April amounted to £3239.34.</p>		

<p>5.05.19</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p> <p>(v)</p> <p>(vi)</p>	<p>BRIEF REPORTS.</p> <p>Bee Bank. GS advised that the Bee Bank requires additional sand to preserve its integrity and arrangements will be made to obtain.</p> <p>Bollards. PB reported that bollards, at the Mary Street entrance to the park, have been removed because of improvement works to the park but they will be re-instated</p> <p>Bar-b- ques. PB reported that the use of these portable devices is not to be encouraged. Damage has been inflicted on grassed areas and there are associated litter problems. The council do find it difficult to regulate due to staff resources.</p> <p>Fire near river bank. PB reported that on the 13th April children had lit a fire at the woodland area near the river bank and, because of the dry conditions, it quickly became out of control. The Fire Service were requested to attend and deal with the matter</p> <p>Workday, Sunday 17th March. The volunteers we engaged in planting a quantity of primroses at selected sites in the park, these will augment the extensive stands of daffodils for spring impact.</p> <p>Workday, Sunday 28th April. PB reported that a healthy number of volunteers attended on a warm, sunny afternoon. Three mature disease resistant elm trees were planted near the loop bridge and staked. The elms planted earlier in the year were examined and found to be in good condition. The bee bank was weeded and generally tidied, a mining bee was found in “ residence “</p>	<p>GS</p>	
<p>6.05.19</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p>	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>Containers. GS stated that these units, currently deposited in the smaller car park, were placed by the Council Events Team and contain sports equipment. It was suggested that the under-utilised space in the changing room block should have been considered. PB will raise the matter with the local councillor.</p> <p>Mowing regimes. PB stated that these continue to cause a problem, indiscriminate practices do not allow adequate perimeter margins for a natural habitat to establish and flourish. A “ Mowing For Wildlife” policy should be adopted including a training programme as many city parks are affected. The continued use of the weedkiller glyphosate, a toxic herbicide, should also be examined. The council maintain it is a cost effective method particularly for pathway maintenance. Such chemicals should only be used on knotweed control. It was advocated that these practices should be brought to the attention of local councillors who could then promote a total ban of this chemical.</p> <p>Management Plan. GS stated that the document should be ready for the inspection date for Green Flag assessment, Council officers regard such plans as sensitive literature and it is unlikely that FOHP will have access to the complete report. Conversely, funding applications usually require presentation of the complete document.</p> <p>Playground. This area is being affected by leaves that are shed in the autumn by the surrounding trees. As council resources do not allow a team to deal with the matter it was agreed that the task could be undertaken by the FOHP volunteers as a workday event.</p>	<p>PB</p>	

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6.05.19 (v)	PARK ISSUES. (Cont.) Code of Conduct Sign. This sign, located just inside the main car park, has been vandalised. It is believed it could be inside the rugby equipment container so hopefully it can be retrieved. GS will investigate.	GS	
(vi)	.Pathway Improvement Scheme. GS confirmed that this project is still far from completion. Initial inspection shows that all the sensitive ecological sites have been respected and will not be impacted by the upgrade. Various routes are being examined in an effort to preserve park structure and enhance safety.		
(vii)	Picnic Table. This unit was situated in the recess near the southern park entrance. Although it was a solid metal frame and securely sited, it was vandalised and deposited in the river and is visible at the location. GS will contact appropriate council colleague who operates lifting equipment so hopefully it can be retrieved and re-instated.	GS	
7.05.19 (i)	FOHP ISSUES. Summer Fair. This is due to take place on Saturday, 29 th June. As well as the popular Fun Dog Show there will be many other attractions including the return of the falconers. As the event is always well attended FOHP volunteers are requested to assist.		
8.05.19	AOB. None.		
9.05.19	DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday, 3 rd July 2019 at 7.00pm.		
	Meeting Closed. 8.15pm D.Kinsey, Secretary.		