

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

**MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE
ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH
7.30pm WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2015**

	<p>PRESENT:</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny.Bowers SECRETARY/ TREASURER Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE, Esme Farewell, Derek Ford, Paul Rock, Donella Smith</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp</p>		
ITEM	Page 1 of 3	ACTION	DATE
1.11.15	APOLOGIES. Sylvia Ward		
2.11.15	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. 6.07.15 (i) Bowling Green Development. Section 106 funds from the proposed Lidl development site on Station Road can only be allocated to a residential scheme.		
3.11.15	MATTERS ARISING. 3.07.15 – Welcome to Hailey Park Sign. DK reported that, after further e-mail contact with the sign maker, the unit was finally installed during week commencing Monday, 7 th September. Inspection confirmed that the sign was to specification, cost incurred of £96.00. 6.09.15(i) – Litter on Rugby Pitches. DK reported that he had contacted the responsible council officer and requested that he mentions the complaint to the rugby club representatives during the pitch booking process, reminding them of their responsibilities in this respect. He acknowledged the suggestion and the area affected will be regularly inspected.		
4.11.15	TREASURER’S REPORT. DK reported that there had been little financial activity since the last meeting. Credit entries for subscriptions and donations totalled £34.00 and a single debit charge of £96.00 reduced funds at bank to £2901.67 at 31 st October, income to date at £670.60 and expenditure £1393.37. All payment processing for the group’s bank, Unity Trust of Birmingham, will be managed by Nat/West Bank who have local branches providing easier banking arrangements.		
5.11.15 (i)	BRIEF REPORTS. Workday, Sunday 11 th October. PB reported that the volunteers we engaged in a litter pick. The council supplied all the equipment and removed the refuse collected. So many volunteers attended that there was insufficient equipment to go around.		

<p>5.11.15</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p>	<p>BRIEF REPORTS (Cont.)</p> <p>Although litter is collected on a regular weekly basis by volunteers, a thorough cleaning exercise once a year was recommended to maintain standards.</p> <p>Workday, Monday 26th October.</p> <p>PB reported that FOHP volunteers, assisted by members of the Innovate Trust a support group for the disabled and a council parks maintenance team trimmed the bowling green hedge, cut the green and pruned invasive shrubs.. Over twenty personnel were involved in an exercise lasting four hours. Again it was suggested that regular attention be paid to this site to control the vegetation.</p> <p>Four Paws Dog Rescue. Saturday, 21st November TIME XX</p> <p>PB reported that she is organising this event at the Hawthorn Road Community Centre to promote this charity and will take the opportunity to exhibit FOHP literature to inform and hopefully recruit new members. The Llandaff North Autumn Fair was considered a success by the stall holders and by virtue of the numbers attending. It is hoped that such events be held for every season of the year other local groups can be identified and encouraged to co-operate for their mutual and community benefit.</p> <p>Andrews Road exit.</p> <p>PB reported on safety concerns involving park users exiting the park on to Andrews Road. As the housing development is now complete, traffic volumes have increased creating a potential hazard. PB will raise the issue at the next PACT meeting.</p>	<p>PB</p>	
<p>6.11.15</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p>	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>Lime Trees R/O Hazelhurst Road.</p> <p>Residents of Hazelhurst Road have complained to the council regarding these mature trees that shade the rear of their properties preventing them from fully enjoying their gardens. The trees have been a natural feature of the park for over fifty years providing an impressive screen when in leaf. A petition, organised by the local MP, has been circulated for presentation to the council who have sole responsibility in addressing the complaint.</p> <p>Bowling Green Development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PR & EF are due to meet the supply company representatives within the next ten days when further proposals will submitted for consideration. ● Design ideas, submitted by the children, have been well received by the project team and could well be incorporated into the final draft. ● About £120K council funds are in place, insurance funds from the pavilion fire can be used for match funding. ● Section 106 funds from the BBC site development will be allocated at the discretion of the council and the provision of a toilet complex and tennis courts re-surfacing remain aspirations ● The removal and re-location of the infants play area will reduce council maintenance costs and ES is to prepare a situation report on the scheme to date ● PB advocated a fund raising exercise to further engage the community with the project and thereby create a closer affiliation and interest. <p>Finger Signpost.</p> <p>One of the finger signposts on the Taff Trail has been vandalised with a pointer being detached. GS will enquire of suppliers regarding cost of replacement and possible council contribution towards the expense.</p>	<p>ES</p> <p>GS</p>	

	PARK ISSUES (Cont.)		
(iv)	Charity Bike Ride- Sunday, 6 th September. PB reported that, unlike previous similar events, the bike ride took place without incident. It was well organised with roving marshals officiating, the riders travelled at a sensible speed and were courteous.		
(v)	Loop bridge Planting. GS reported that he had placed an official order for 80 gorse plants for bedding at the approaches to the Loop Bridge. Total cost, including carriage charges amount to £196 and FOHP will be accountable.		
(vi)	Leaf Debris. Complaints have been received regarding the amount of leaf debris on the pathways causing a potential safety issue to pedestrians and cyclists. GS stated that the Scarab leaf removal machine will only be deployed as late as possible when there are very few leaves left to fall.		
7.11.15	FOHP ISSUES.		
(i)	Chargeable Events. A nominal charge has been levied by the council on attendees of Friends Groups etc during events requiring ranger supervision. The intention was to provide a revenue source for the council to help offset imposed budgetary austerity cuts. GS reported that, after due consideration, the charge is be abolished		
(ii)	Diary Dates. (a) Bat Walk in the Park 20 th July XXXXXX (b) Bio-Diversity Blitz 23 rd July 10.00am – 1.00pm Species Recording Event.		
8.11.15	AOB None.		
9.11.15	DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.30pm Wednesday, 6 th January 2016. Meeting Closed 9.05pm. D.Kinsey, Secretary.		