

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE,
TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH 6TH NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM.

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY. Derek Kinsey</p> <p>TREASURER. Donella Smith</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Esme Farewell, Birte Langfeldt</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp</p>		
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1.11.13	APOLOGIES. Paul Rock.		
2.11.13	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. These were read and accepted as accurate.		
3.11.13	<p>MATTERS ARISING.</p> <p>3.09.13 (i) Cycle Census. Thursday, 19th September. DK was assigned to record cycle movements over the Loop Bridge during the commute period 7.00 – 9.00am. Predictions of an increase of 30% in cycle traffic in the park, due to the bridge provision, needed to be investigated. The weather conditions were calm, dry and overcast. 18 cyclists were observed using the bridge proceeding southbound, 7 declared they had not used the park as a route before the bridge opened, 7 stated that they had always used the park route and 4 refused to stop. It was concluded, therefore, that the 30% estimate increase in cycle traffic, due to the bridge provision, was grossly inaccurate, a 2012 survey having shown 105 southbound movements in total during the commute period. The revised increase figure is therefore less than 10%. However it is acknowledged that there will inevitably be an increase in cycle traffic using the park due to government policies, cycle lobby groups, car fuel prices and improved cycle pathway provision.</p> <p>3.09.13 (iii) Tennis Courts. The missing support post and net, removed to another site, have been replaced.</p> <p>6.09.13 (i) Western Power Distribution. PB, on application, managed to obtain a copy of the Environmental Impact Assessment relating to the pylon work in the park. It appears the council did not receive an adequate method statement, supervision on the site was not to standard and signage for park users, attempting to negotiate the various obstructions, at best unsatisfactory. WPD admitted their responsibility for the damage caused in the meadow and tendered a cheque in favour of FOHP for £1000 as compensation. The sub-contractors, Messrs Hodge, also liable forwarded a cheque for £500 and responsibility for pathway repairs is still under discussion between the council and WPD.</p>		

4.11.13	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT. DS reported that cleared funds at bank total £937.74. The current banking arrangements will continue and no alternative will be considered for the time being.</p>		
<p>5.11.13 (i) (ii) (iii)</p>	<p>BRIEF REPORTS. Workday, Friday 27th September. GS reported that a group from Sustrans , aided by FOHP,had volunteered their labour and were engaged in removing invasive vegetation along the riverside pathway leaving the area neat and tidy.. About 10 volunteers took part and it was proposed that it would be mutually beneficial if the group's association with this organisation be expanded. Workday, Sunday 20th October. PB reported that, finally ,workday volunteers were able to gain access to the meadow and begin pruning the willow vegetation which, because of the bad weather, has increased significantly. This task needs to be performed in order to maintain grassland standards and 8 volunteers tackled the job. Although a great deal was achieved, in sunny, pleasant conditions, this exercise will have to be repeated regularly. Event, Saturday 2nd November. PB reported that FOHP organised a pop-up café under the gazebo near the car park and main pathway. The council Mobile Dog Fouling Enforcement Team and Sustrans were involved, issuing literature and verbal guidance etc to cyclists and pedestrians. Julie Morgan AM attended and the local councillors who assisted in the task of attempting to establish an improved relationship between park users based on the concept of shared space. Free bells were distributed to those cyclists in need and the hot drinks and snacks were appreciated. All agreed that the event proved a great success and should be repeated on a reasonably regular basis.</p>		
<p>6.11.13 (i) (ii) (iii)</p>	<p>PARK ISSUES. Playground meeting Monday, 30th September. EF reported that she and Paul Rock had met with council official Mark Hughes regarding the provision of playground equipment for intermediate children who do not appear to be catered for currently. The council obviously prefer very low maintenance material and a suitable option would be the construction of a natural play area using the bowling green as the site. The benches in place are in good condition and the shrubbery border, with a little work, can be made presentable. Further meetings with the council are to be arranged so these ideas can be progressed. New Pavilion It was agreed that a replacement pavilion is an obvious necessity. Insurance funds relating to the previous structure are still held by the council and it is hoped that Section 106 monies, from the industrial site development, could provide enough financial resources to realise this ambition. The group are further encouraged by the commitment shown by the local councillors who totally share our aspirations concerning this proposal. Finger Posts GS reported that these were due to be delivered next week i.e. week commencing 11th November.</p>		

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7.11.13	FOHP ISSUES.		
(i)	<p>Award Ceremony. Tuesday, 8th October. PB & DS attended the Cardiff in Bloom award ceremony where they officially accepted the Green Flag Community Award 2013 presentation on behalf of FOHP.</p> <p>The judging and notification of success had taken place in the summer which meant that the group had achieved this notable recognition two years running.</p> <p>At the same ceremony FOHP were voted Best Community Group in Cardiff out of over twenty contenders and our delegates received a very tasteful trophy depicting an otter and daffodil, a very proud day for Llandaff North and everyone associated with our organisation.</p>		
8.11.13	<p>AOB.</p> <p>(i) Log Benches.</p> <p>Some park users have noted that the log benches in the meadow area are showing signs of wear and need replacing. The bench near the Loop Bridge seems to have disappeared altogether, the contractors having moved it. Demand for these items is extremely high at the moment and this is concurrent with a very difficult supply situation with availability likely to remain a problem for the medium term.</p>		
9.11.13	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>7.30pm Wednesday, 7th January 2014.</p>		
	<p>Meeting Closed 8.50pm</p> <p>D.Kinsey,</p> <p>Secretary.</p>		