

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE BI- MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH 7.00PM WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2017

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY/ TREASURER Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Paul Rock, Russell Todd, Esme Farewell, Anita Smith, Derek Ford.</p>		
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1.11.17	<p>APOLOGIES. Donella Smith, Gareth Stamp.</p>		
2.11.17	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. 5.09.17 Whitchurch Cycling Club. PB wanted to emphasize that the concerns over erosion were as important as safety issues, muddy cycle tracks appear to be increasing in grassland areas.</p>		
3.11.17	<p>MATTERS ARISING. 6.09.17 – Park Issues. As requested, DK presented a Hailey Park Draft Management Plan created in 2008 by a Green Flag assessor and a list of workday projects completed by volunteers over the last ten years. Also provided was a list of the group’s achievements in this period, these documents will provide valuable supporting testimony when the current uncompleted plan is submitted.</p>		
4.11.17	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT. DK reported that there was no activity during September & October so funds at bank remain unaltered at £2934.60. Some subscriptions are due to be paid before year end but no significant expenditure anticipated.</p>		
5.11.17 (i)	<p>BRIEF REPORTS. Workday, Sunday 29th October. PB reported that the volunteers were engaged in pruning the extensive willow crop in the meadow area. Due to its concentration, this task requires regular attention but, with other priorities, this particular activity has been neglected. Under the direction of the ranger, a council team will use power tools to reduce the backlog so the volunteers will only be required to collect the cuttings and stack for the end users. The weather was cool, dry and sunny with light winds, ideal conditions for the assignment.</p>		

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5.11.17 (ii)	BRIEF REPORTS (Cont.) Bowling Green Site. PB commented on the completed work and observed that the original plan for the area included a new hedge of native species adjacent to the pathway from Andrews Road. The original metal fence, still in a reasonable condition, has been removed and another metal fence installed. This project is considered a waste of valuable funds.		
(iii)	Wild flowers. PB stated that application is to be made through the ranger service for a £1000 grant for native wild flower seeds that can be used at the bowling green site. The group have also acquired a large bag of Cardiff daffodil bulbs, a suitable site for these has yet to be decided.		
(iv)	Tennis Courts. PB stated that the original plan was, as funds were available, that the tennis courts were to be upgraded in September. However, Cllr, Burke –Davies informed that the contract has yet to be put out to tender. The matter is now to be treated as urgent.		
(v)	Sustrans /Taff Trail Project meeting 3 rd November. PB attended this meeting on behalf of the group. Also present were Mark Tozer (Cardiff Parks) Cllr J. Burke – Davies, Lyndsey Davies (Sustrans Cymru) and Matt Price (Highways Dept.) Path widening to 3 metre was discussed and education/promotion of the shared use concept. Larger ground signage displaying this ideal is already in place on certain parts of the Taff Trail. Path widening in the park could involve the felling of mature trees near the car park. The group will naturally oppose this proposition and suggest the pathway be re-directed or allow the area specified to become a pinch point. The installation of solar lights along sections of the trail was also proposed. It is hoped that FOHP will be able to provide further input regarding the project before the consultation process is concluded.		
6.11.17 (i)	PARK ISSUES. Green Flag Application. Cllr J. Burke-Davies has promised her full support when the group attempt to obtain this status in 2019.		
7.11.17 (i)	FOHP ISSUES. Social Enterprise Initiative. Audiologist Sonja Jones supervises this project based at the Forest School where children with behaviour / learning problems are assisted. Ranger Gareth Stamp is due to meet with her on Friday, 10 th November to discuss topics of mutual interest so future close collaboration with FOHP is a possibility as one of her pursuits is wildlife conservation.		
8.11.17	AOB. None.		
9.11.17	DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.00pm Wednesday, 3 rd January 2018. Meeting Closed 8.30pm D.Kinsey, Secretary.		