

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH 7.00pm WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2018.

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>TREASURER/ SECRETARY Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Derek Ford, Paul Rock, Cheney Drew.</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp</p>		
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1.11.18	APOLOGIES. Mike Matty		
2.11.18	MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. These were read and accepted as accurate.		
3.11.18	<p>MATTERS ARISING.</p> <p>3.09.18 -Sustainable Travel Policy. A favourable response has been received for this initiative with incorporation into the final management plan accepted by officials and possible replication throughout the city. PB advocated, that due to personnel changes, annual updates might be necessary to keep the documentation viable.</p> <p>5.09.18 (iv) - Middle Field. The use of a drone ,fitted with a camera, was suggested to identify sensitive areas with regard to mowing regimes. Although the policy of the Parks Department is to ban drones, a responsible operator under ranger Supervision may be allowed to proceed.</p> <p>6.09.18 (iii) - Rugby Club Equipment Container. DK reported that he had contacted the rugby club expressing concern that the graffiti had not been removed from the container as earlier promised. It is very prominent and an eyesore noticed by car park users and traffic on the Taff Trail, Park officials including the ranger have requested that the club attend to the matter but their response was that “ diverting funds to the exercise may not necessarily equate to value for money for the club” GS will consult with Adam Beach.</p> <p>6.09.18 (iv) – Pop Up Café. PR stated that he had an initial meeting with Mr L Wootten and he was interested in the idea. Work pressures have prevented further developments but the matter will be pursued.</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>GS</p> <p>PR</p>	

3.11.18	<p>MATTERS ARISING. (Cont.)</p> <p>6.09.18 (v) – Park Benches. These had been removed from the bowling green site and installed in another park. Replacements will now be sited appropriately after strong objections were raised regarding this mishap.</p> <p>6.09.18 (iv) – Meadow Interpretation Board. GS stated that work pressures have prevented him progressing this matter but will attempt to address the task when time allows.</p>	GS	
4.11.18	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT.</p> <p>DK reported that there was no financial activity during the months of September and October so the credit balance at the bank remains unchanged at £3059.37</p>		
5.11.18	<p>BRIEF REPORTS.</p> <p>(i) Hay Rake. Sunday, 9th September. PB reported that, although volunteer numbers were disappointing, the task was completed within the allotted time. About 2000 sq/m was treated which provides an environment so that wild flowers can thrive. It is hoped to extend the area in time The weather was cool and overcast ideal conditions for quite a strenuous task.</p> <p>(ii) Work Day, Sunday 28th October. PB reported a welcome number of volunteers were engaged in meadow pathway restoration near the overflow car park The area was widened and a base aggregate laid down and a top dressing applied. The remainder of the time involved removing saplings, brambles etc obstructing the footpath. The weather was overcast with the threat of rain ever present.</p> <p>(iii) Friends Forum. Wednesday, 17th October. DK attended the meeting on behalf of the group at Forest Farm. Public Space Protection Orders were discussed and their possible consequences. These measures instruct dog owners to keep their pets on a lead in parks where there are marked sports pitches. The consultation exercise undertaken when these orders were created was considered inadequate and implementation difficult to enforce. Dog walkers are more inclined to report incidents re – Paws on Patrol initiative. Reporting can be direct to Parks Department, by internet using c2c or by telephone via 101. Friends Groups throughout the city contributed 14500 hours of voluntary Work and the half-yearly total for 2018 is already 8100.</p> <p>(iv) Management Plan. GS reported that this plan, so eagerly awaited, is still incomplete. Staff redundancies have resulted in an excessive work load for officials</p> <p>(v) Wales Biodiversity Partnership Conference 2018. PB attended this symposium in Cathays Park 19th/20th September. Intention was to bring together key players from public ,private and voluntary sectors to promote and monitor biodiversity and ecosystem action in Wales A ministerial address was followed by keynote speakers. Bee line projects, networking sessions and practical workshops featured and a field trip to Bute Park took place.</p>		

6.11.18	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) Taff Trail Improvements. Although details are still to be released indications are that the proposals are likely to be the subject of much debate. The widening of the pathway through Hailey Park to the national standard of 3m is accepted as probable. Improvements are to be carried out under the Active Travel Wales Act of 2013 which requires local authorities to continuously improve facilities and routes for pedestrians and cyclists. GS/PB voiced concerns regarding sensitive ecological sites and the possible removal of trees. Creating an almost straight pathway will encourage cyclists to speed, a stressful situation for pedestrians. Surveys completed four years ago estimated 600-700 daily cycle movements in Hailey Park current projections should exceed that figure. The introduction of the Code of Conduct has not had the effect previously anticipated with incidents and confrontations all too frequent. DK suggested that meanders be introduced into the pathway scheme so that cyclists will be forced to travel at a reasonable speed.</p>		
7.11.18	<p>FOHP ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) Donation. PB has been informed that the Christmas lights that decorate Station Road are no longer fit for purpose and are due to be replaced at a cost of £4000. Traders will be encouraged to make a donation and it was agreed that FOHP will donate £50 towards the replacement cost.</p>		
8.11.18	<p>AOB.</p> <p>(i) Llandaff North Charitable Trust. PR reported on the meeting of Saturday, 22nd September 2018 when a constitution was drafted and a working group established. The next meeting is due to take place at the Llandaff North Hyb on 1December 11am- 1.30pm and will take the form of a workshop. Speakers from the National Lottery to attend and advise on fund raising. Any interested parties are invited to attend.</p>		
9.11.18	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.00pm Wednesday, 9th January 2019.</p>		
	<p>Meeting Closed 8.07pm</p> <p>D.Kinsey, Secretary.</p>		