

## FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH 7.30PM , WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2016.

	<p><b>PRESENT.</b></p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSON.</b> Penny Bowers</p> <p><b>SECRETARY/ TREASURER</b> Derek Kinsey</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE</b> Paul Rock, Derek Ward, Esme Farewell</p> <p><b>PARK RANGER</b> Gareth Stamp</p>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Page 1 of 3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	
<b>1.11.16</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES.</b> Donella Smith. Russell Todd, Anita Smith</p>		
<b>2.11.16</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.</b> These were read and accepted as accurate</p>		
<b>3.11.16</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING.</b> 3.09.16 ( ii ) Tennis Courts DK was instructed to contact council official Adam Beach ( Outdoor Sports ) regarding progress of work on the tennis courts. He stated, via e-mail, that the original intention was to complete a patch repair but the surface was in a far worse condition than anticipated. However some courts were patched by Facilities Management who would complete this repair work over a period. This work is only a short term resolution, a new rubber crumb surface and colour co-ordinated courts being the ultimate aim. Section 106 funds could be available to finance the project until positive funding sources are secured. there will be little progress in completing the scheme to an acceptable standard.</p>		
<b>4.11.16</b>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b> DK presented the current Income &amp; Expenditure A/C . Little activity since last meeting, some subscription income received and stationery items purchased. Funds balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October was £2840.90 total purchases and receipts at £644.72 and £547.51 respectively in the current year. There are no debtors outstanding or extraneous issues to mention, balances correspond to those recorded on the bank statements produced.</p>		

<p><b>5.11.16</b></p> <p>( i )</p> <p>( ii )</p> <p>( iii )</p> <p>( iv )</p>	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b></p> <p>Hay Rake- Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September. PB reported that seven volunteers attended, fewer than anticipated and about 2000sq/m of the meadow grass had been cut and left for raking. This exercise provides more favourable conditions for wild flowers to thrive. Because of the scale of the task, it had to be completed on the following Thursday so due consideration may be given to reducing the area next year.</p> <p>Workday – Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. PB reported that five volunteers were engaged in trimming the grass to the approaches to the loop bridge, so the gorse previously planted can flourish, and invasive vegetation was removed from the meadow pathways .A site near the small car park was cleared to provide a Bee Bank that Bug Life are to use for a training exercise to show others, the bees that benefit are solitary bees.</p> <p>Workday – Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. DK reported that the group volunteers were further assisted by a party of about a dozen from Cardiff Innovate Trust an organisation providing care and employment for people with learning difficulties. The exercise was to trim the hedge at the bowling green and generally tidy the area. Regretfully, a council gardening crew with power tools did not arrive on site until late morning so the task was not completed in the allotted time.</p> <p>Playground Scheme. PR &amp; EF expressed their frustration and annoyance that, after all the time and effort invested in the proposed re-development of the bowling green site, the council, at this very late stage, have rejected the group’s proposals. Their alternative plan is to remove the boundary hedges and structural features and extend the park margins leaving the area as simply grass, the toddlers play facility to benefit from a nominal upgrade in addition. As reported previously, PR e-mailed the authority and local representatives with five specific questions relating to maintenance costs and total sums available. They only addressed one of the issues in reply and even that was considered an inadequate response. It was agreed that the group continue to promote the scheme enlisting the help of AM Julie Morgan and Cllr B.Derbyshire , Environment Cabinet Member. PR to compile a record of achievement regarding provision of equipment for the larger play area and a chronological schedule relating to the current project. Claude Hailey did stipulate that a bowling green be provided as a park amenity as one of the conditions agreed before the transfer of land to the council. It is accepted that bowls, as an outdoor sport, does not have the appeal it once enjoyed but it is incumbent on the group to put the area to effective and popular use and help preserve Hailey’s legacy into 2017 which is FOHP’s tenth anniversary.</p>		
<p><b>6.11.16</b></p> <p>( i )</p>	<p><b>PARK ISSUES.</b></p> <p>Dogs in the tennis courts. Complaints have been received regarding owners letting their dogs run free in the tennis courts. This practice should not be encouraged and “ No Dogs Allowed” notices have been displayed in the past but were regularly vandalised. A more permanent notice is to be produced and fastened at a secure position. The courts are due to be upgraded with an expensive compound which could be damaged by dog activity, tennis courts are for tennis not dog exercising.</p>		

<b>6.11.16</b>	<b>PARK ISSUES ( Cont. )</b>		
( ii )	<p>Elm Trees.</p> <p>GS stated that the next workday, November 27th,( 1 – 4pm ) would involve planting elm trees in the meadow perimeter, these funded by Bug Life</p> <p>As large holes need to be dug, as many volunteers as possible are needed.</p> <p>The canopies of some types of tree are a favourite habitat of butterflies and the larvae of the Hairstreak only feeds on elm. By providing a further refuge, the butterfly count can only increase and further the reputation of Hailey Park as the place to witness such a variety of these attractive species.</p>		
( iii )	<p>Cardiff Parks Survey.</p> <p>The council have introduced an on-line satisfaction survey on the subject of local parks which will be operative from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>The object is to identify priorities and, after the analysis of the data, react positively and quickly to address any concerns so, in future, visitors are able to enjoy their park experience even more. The survey only takes about 5-10 minutes to complete and is easily accessible from the council/parks website.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to participate, your opinions matter and can only have a positive result.</p>		
<b>7.11.16</b>	<b>FOHP ISSUES.</b>		
	None.		
<b>8.11.16</b>	<b>AOB.</b>		
( i )	<p>Blue Plaque Ceremony.</p> <p>This is due to take place at 40 Station Road, Llandaff North on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The Welsh National Opera was conceived here and a ceremony commemorating this event is to take place including solo and choir performances and the Blue Plaque unveiling.</p>		
( ii )	<p>Christmas Lights.</p> <p>These are due to be switched on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November early evening.</p>		
<b>9.11.16</b>	<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b>		
	7.30pm Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017		
	Meeting Closed 9.00pm		
	D.Kinsey, Secretary.		