

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH 7.00pm 6th SEPTEMBER 2017.

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY/ TREASURER. Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Derek Ford, Anita Smith.</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp</p> <p>GUEST. Cllr. Jennifer Burke – Davies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE MEETING WAS DECLARED INQUORATE.</p>		
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1.09.17	<p>APOLOGIES. Donella Smith, Esme Farewell, Paul Rock.</p>		
2.09.17	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. The minutes of the May meeting were read and accepted as accurate. The July meeting was cancelled as many of the committee could not attend.</p>		
3.09.17 (i)	<p>MATTERS ARISING. DK stated that during the May meeting Paul Rock had mentioned that he had observed significant interest on the social media platform concerning the bowling green development and would consider progressing this further by arranging a meeting of those who had expressed a view on the subject. Although these intentions were recorded, they were not included in the completed minutes and apologies were offered for the omission.</p>		
4.09.17	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT. DK reported that subscription receipts are still being received via Paypal and £114 was collected as entry fees for the Fun Dog Show at the summer fair. This amount was, in turn, donated to the Llandaff North Christmas Lights Appeal. Various stationery items were purchased so total spend for the period 1st Jan – 31 August amounted to £412.32 with receipts at £563.39. The adjusted credit balance is recorded as £2934.60, the bank statements and Reconciliation Account confirm.</p>		
5.09.17 (i)	<p>BRIEF REPORTS. Workday, Sunday 11th June. PB reported that the volunteers were engaged in completing the planting of the gorse bushes adjacent to the Loop Bridge approach pathway. When established they will provide some attractive colour but stoney ground meant hard work.</p>		

<p>5.09.17 (ii) (iii) (iv)</p>	<p>BRIEF REPORTS (Cont.) Workday, Sunday 16th July. PB reported that the volunteers were tasked to remove the himalayan balsam from the river bank at the southern end of the park. This is a very invasive species and requires regular attention, once established it is very difficult to eradicate. A considerable area was cleared and the weather was warm and dry. Workday, Sunday 27th August. PB reported that the volunteer’s assignment was to refurbish the park benches. This involved using an abrasive paper to rub down the timber and then treat with a preservative. This is an annual exercise and has extended the life of many of the benches although, when funds permit, some will have to be replaced. It was a very pleasant afternoon, warm with light breezes Bioblitz, Thursday 27th July. PB reported that this annual exercise is conducted by interested volunteers who completed an ecological survey in the meadow with guide literature to assist. The findings are forwarded for inclusion in a national data base .A red carder bee has been seen in the meadow, a type normally associated with the heath lands of southern England and rare for our area. Rain and persistent drizzle meant that attendance was poor.</p>		
<p>6.09.17 (i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) (vi)</p>	<p>PARK ISSUES. Litter Pick. GS reported that he supervised a litter pick in the park by Llandaff North Scouts and Cubs on the 3rd July. Summer Fair – Saturday, 24th June. PB reported that the event was considered a great success. More stall holders were present and they were pleased with the trade as cool but dry weather meant the fair was well supported. The group run the Fun Dog Show with more entries than ever all proceeds donated to the Christmas Lights Appeal. Council Personnel. GS stated that Mark Cummings has been appointed as supervisor for Hailey Park. He is regarded as an able associate and his posting should benefit the group. Site meetings are to be arranged by the ranger so that MC is fully informed and aware of the current circumstances, intentions and aspirations of the group and local community. Management Plan. GS reported that this document is still far from completion, little progress from last enquiry. PB today met with Mark Tozer, council parks official, for a general discussion regarding possible Green Flag Award application in 2019. DK has possession of an informal inspection report created by a judge in 2008 which could prove valuable when the final assessment is due. This document is supplemented by another detailing the group’s achievements from formation to present day. Park Future. Cllr. Burke-Davies suggested that a charitable trust be established to manage the park. This arrangement exists in other larger parks and gives a wider scope for funding opportunities. There is no immediate prospect of introducing this plan but it merits future consideration. Bowling Green Benches. GS stated that these had been removed from the area to safe storage and will be re-sited on completion of current works.</p>	<p>DK</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p>

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6.09.17 (vii)	PARK ISSUES (Cont.) Lime Trees. This line of trees at the rear of Hazelhurst Road are currently being “ lifted “ i.e. the lower branches are being removed, again a necessary, regular exercise.		
(viii)	Whitchurch Cycling Club This group has licence to use designated areas in the park principally for training purposes. The cyclists were initially contained but their activities have extended causing safety concerns as they were using wooded areas near the car park off the main tarmaced paths .	PB	AT ONCE
7.09.17 (i)	FOHP ISSUES. Green Flag Community Award 2017. PB reported that for the fifth consecutive year the group had achieved this award, the initial inspection having been conducted in May. GS stated that, as an appointed Green Flag judge, he had conducted an informal appraisal of the park. His conclusion was that, although certain standards were impressive regarding heritage and general presentation, other aspects will need to be continually addressed and improved in order to acquire further awards in this category		
8.09.17 (i)	AOB. Sustrans Survey. This organisation is a charitable institution that promotes and assists walking and cycling for local journeys through community lead solutions. They have been instructed to complete a Taff Trail survey, although, currently we are unaware of their precise terms of reference. FOHP initiated the cycling Code of Conduct and, as the Taff Trail passes through the park, we should be able to provide some input if approached.		
9.09.17	DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.00 pm Wednesday, 1 st November 2017 Meeting Closed 8.25pm. D.Kinsey, Secretary.		