

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH 7.30pm WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014.

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY/TREASURER. Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Derek Ford, Paul Rock, Donella Smith, Gordon Hann Esme Farewell</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp.</p>		
ITEM.	Page 1 of 3	ACTION	DATE
1.0914	<p>APOLOGIES. Sylvia Ward, Russell Todd.</p>		
2.09.14	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. These were read and accepted as accurate.</p>		
3.09.14	<p>MATTERS ARISING. (i) 6.07.14 – Touch Rugby. Concerns had been expressed by local residents regarding car parking issues associated with these events. Local councillors became involved and petitions were organised requesting that action should be taken to address the problem. Nearly three hundred signatures were obtained and the matter was raised at the PACT meeting on the 17th July which PB attended The original measures introduced regarding this issue i.e. delayed start time, provision of parking marshalls etc do not appear to have had the desired effect. DK presented an e-mail from Adam Beach, Outdoor Sports & Facilities Manager stating that he was unaware of problem parking issues as he hadn't received any notifications. Cllr. Dilwar Ali will continue to be closely involved, reporting to the council and the matter will feature as an agenda item at subsequent PACT meetings although this question is not strictly a FOHP topic. (ii) 7.07.14 – Business/Introduction Cards. PB stated that an official order had been placed with delivery expected within two weeks.</p>		
3.09.14	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT. DK reported that there had been a net increase in funds of £170.70 since the last report. This included a donation of £100 from Bellway Homes to the Playground Fund. The credit balance on the I/E account was £2768.76 and there are no outstanding creditors.</p>		

5.09.14	<p>BRIEF REPORTS.</p> <p>(i) Friends Forum Bar-b-que Wednesday, 16th July. PB reported the FOHP was well represented at this event where delegates from all the Friends Groups in the city are able to converse and exchange in a convivial setting. A large selection of well prepared food is always a feature of these events.</p> <p>(ii) Out of the Woods Festival, Bute Park Sunday 17th August. PB attended this event and organised the dog show. Certain members of the general public were unaware of the location of Hailey Park so it was agreed that the group should create some informative literature</p> <p>(iii) Workday, Sunday 27th July PB reported that volunteers were engaged in removing the invasive Himalayan Balsam from areas of the park. GS stated that another alien species, Japanese Knotweed, is only treated by spraying. This activity confined only to windless, calm days to prevent accidental contamination.</p> <p>(iv) Workday, Sunday 31st August. PB reported that , due to certain logistical difficulties, the proposed hay rake had to be postponed until September 21st. Volunteers worked at path widening including the Taff Trail near the tennis courts where there has been significant intrusion by vegetation.</p>	PB	
6.09.14	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) Green Flag Award. PB announced that for the third consecutive year FOHP had achieved a Green Flag Award for the conservation work completed in the meadow, this despite a meticulous judging process and the damage inflicted by Western Power during pylon restoration work.</p> <p>(ii) GS announced that, as a consequence of insufficient FOHP volunteers he believes it prudent to engage the services of Cardiff Conservation Volunteers for scrub removal etc. in the meadow, a date of 8th March was proposed. Although a fee will be incurred, they are a capable and enthusiastic group and their assistance is vital if standards are to be maintained.</p> <p>(iii) Sign. The “ Welcome to Hailey Park “ sign at the Tymawr entrance has been vandalised beyond repair and will be replaced</p> <p>(iii) Folklore of the Trees.Event. This event is scheduled for Sunday, November 2nd at 2.00pm meeting at the car park, led by the ranger service it is always very popular.</p> <p>(iv) Play in Hailey Park. As previously recorded, a sub-committee was formed comprising EF & PR, with the object of planning a play area suitable for children aged between 3 to 6 years .The current smaller play area equipment is unsuitable and the larger play area could potentially be unsafe considering the type of installations. The committee accepted advice and opinions from parents, liaised with council officials and made the following recommendations.</p> <p>* The smaller play area be re-located to the northern end of the main playground with a protective fence between. This operation to be completed over an extended period with new equipment installed when current fixtures become obsolete.</p> <p>* The basketball hoop to be relocated to the hard standing so the smaller playground equipment can be accommodated.</p>	PB	

<p>6.09.14</p>	<p>PARK ISSUES Cont.) Play in Hailey Park. * The bowling green be developed into a naturalistic play area with picnic facilities, seating etc. * The smaller playground could become a community garden or seating area. These submissions were totally approved by the committee and the following observations and suggestions were proposed. (a) A small map of the park area concerned should be included for clarity. GS will provide from current archives. (b) PB advocated that a diary schedule be kept by EF/PR detailing dates of meetings, attendees, discussion topics and conclusions. (c) That the council be informed as soon as possible of these proposals and that they should be considered when the management plan for the park is formulated. (d) Another reason to expedite the project is because there is a chance that the council will simply level the site, removing fencing and hedges in the process. These boundary protections are considered vital to the proposed scheme and, on past experience, FOHP will not be favoured with the courtesy of prior notification should such work commence.</p>	<p>GS</p>	
<p>7.09.14</p>	<p>FOHP ISSUES. None.</p>		
<p>8.09.14</p>	<p>AOB. None.</p>		
<p>9.09.14</p>	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.30pm. Wednesday 5th November 2014.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.40pm.</p> <p>Derek Kinsey,</p> <p>Secretary.</p>		