

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH, 7.30pm WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER 2015.

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>TREASURER/ SECRETARY Derek Kinsey</p> <p>COMMITTEE. Russell Todd, Derek Ford, Donella Smith.</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp.</p>		
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1.09.15	<p>APOLOGIES. None.</p>		
2.09.15	<p>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. 6.07.15 – Bowling Green Development. – Correction. Section 106 funds from the BBC site development would be available but after LCF finishes. The retailer Lidl scheme on Station Road would not be able to fund the playground scheme but could be approached for a donation.</p>		
3.09.15	<p>MATTERS ARISING. 3.07.15 (i) Welcome to Hailey Park Sign. DK reported that the last contact with the sign maker had been on 29th July when installation had been promised within one week. Further inquiries will be made to finally resolve this issue. 6.07.15 (ii) Loop Bridge. GS reported that the offending graffiti had been over painted.</p>	DK	ASAP
4.09.15	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT. DK presented an Income & Expenditure A/C and Reconciliation Statement for the period ending 31st August showing a credit balance c/f as £2963.67. Payments in the interim period included £102 representing the summer fair dog show receipts paid to the Llandaff North Festival Committee and credits refer to sundry membership subscriptions. There are no creditor balances, total payments from 1st January amount to ££1297.37 with receipts of £636.60. Cash resources since January have depleted by £660.77 or 18%.</p>		
5.09.15	<p>BRIEF REPORTS. (i) Hay Rake- Sunday, 30th August. PB reported that this event was scheduled for the Bank Holiday week-end so volunteer numbers were adversely affected. The meadow had been cut quite low so there was an increased quantity to remove, only a fraction of the rake could be completed within the allotted three hours. The task was finished during the following week using the ranger service, council personnel and FOHP volunteers. It was very disappointing that so few volunteers took part as the weather was perfect for the exercise, cool and dry with light winds.</p>		

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6.09.15	<p>PARK ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) Litter on rugby pitches. PB reported that numerous complaints had been received regarding discarded laces, strappings and other articles left on the pitches after matches. As part of the pitch hiring agreement with the council, sports teams have a contractual obligation to leave the area in a clean and tidy condition. DK instructed to contact the council department and enter a formal complaint.</p> <p>(ii) Charity Bike Ride. – Sunday, 6th September. This event has been organised as part of the Ty Hafan appeal. Riders will be proceeding through the park in a southerly direction only and the indications are that occasion will be well supported so some congestion is to be expected on the Taff Trail. PB suggested that the organisers provide marshals because of pedestrian traffic and associated safety issues, even volunteering her services, but such provision they regarded as unnecessary.</p> <p>(iii) Loop Bridge Approach, GS reported that this area has been left rather neglected and exposed. The improvement process should proceed with an analysis of the soil structure and base material to confirm planting compatibility. Gorse would be an acceptable choice as a hardy shrub.</p> <p>(iv) Tymawr Road entrance. GS reported that time and resources have prevented this area receiving adequate attention. The ideal programme would be that parks maintenance would complete the initial work of mowing and rotovating, the group would then be responsible for final preparation and the planting of a wild flower seedlings similar to the display near the car park.</p>	DK	ASAP
7.09.15	<p>FOHP ISSUES.</p> <p>(i) Living Taff Project. PB reported that contact had been established with this project described as a celebration of the river's journey Primary aims of the initiative are to change the behaviour towards the river and the Taff valley, improve people's knowledge on the subject including heritage and potential environmental benefits. The intention, also, is to work with local organisations to create educational resources for parents and teachers.</p> <p>(ii) Hailey Family. Members will recall that Robert Hailey and his wife visited the park last autumn. Robert is the son of Donald Hailey, Claude Hailey's second child. He was so impressed with the park and the work of our group that he informed members of his extended family including his cousin John Clark. He is a descendant of Margaret, Claude Hailey's third child, she married into the Clark family in 1941, her husband then an officer in the Royal Artillery. John informs that a relation keeps detailed records of the Hailey family and when they get to exchange information, he has promised to forward details that might be of interest.</p> <p>(iii) Volunteer Workforce. PB stated that a chronic lack of volunteers for workday activities is now causing deep concern. Numbers have declined to the extent that the possibility exists that the council, aware of the situation, could withdraw ranger supervision. Consequently, no workday activities would be permitted so the viability, indeed the very existence of the group, jeopardised. Suggestions to help re-engage members included use of social media, seeking help from other organisations, targeted advertising describing work to be completed and involving Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers.</p>		

8.09.15	AOB. (i) Autumn Fair.- Saturday, 19 th September. (11.00am – 4.00pm) FOHP will be present at this event run by the Llandaff North Festivals Committee at the Steiner School. As well as children’s activities there will be a produce show and seed swop etc. (ii) Bowling Green Hedge. GS stated that this hedge is due to be pruned, likely on a week day but volunteers will be needed to assist in removing the cuttings.		
9.09.15	DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING. 7.30pm Wednesday 4 th November 2015.		
	Meeting Closed 8.50pm. D.Kinsey, Secretary.		