

## FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

### MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT LLANDAFF NORTH RUGBY CLUB, RADYR ROAD 7.30pm WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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> Donella Smith, Russell Todd, Paul Rock, Esme Farewell, Derek Ford, Anita Smith</p> <p><b>PARK RANGER.</b> Gareth Stamp</p>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Page 1 of 3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>1.09.16</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> None.		
<b>2.09.16</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.</b> These were read and accepted as accurate.		
<b>3.09.16</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING.</b></p> <p><b>( i )</b> 6.05.16 ( iii ) Grass Verge Damage. DK presented an e-mail dated 5<sup>th</sup> May from Mr. D. Carson of the Waste Management Team stating that the council had purchased a vehicle with a narrow wheelbase for waste collection so grass verges will not be damaged in the future.</p> <p><b>( ii )</b> 6.05.16 ( iv ) Tennis Court Nets. DK presented a copy of an e-mail sent to Adam Beach, Outdoor Sports, thanking him for reinstating the nets on the tennis courts so the facility could be fully used during the summer season. Regretfully, surface repair work commenced almost immediately and is still to be completed. DK to contact AB regarding progress of the work.</p>	DK	AT ONCE
<b>4.09.16</b>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b> DK presented the current Income &amp; Expenditure Account Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. Credit balance b/f from previous period was £2878.69 and receipts total £538.01 including £106 collected at the Fun Dog Show during the Summer Fair. Expenditure , which included insurances and planting materials, totalled £578.10. Remaining subscription revenue will only provide limited cash resources so funds, depending on spending commitments, are likely to diminish further by year end.</p>		

5.09.16

**BRIEF REPORTS.**

( i )

PB reported on park events since the last meeting in May. The Summer Fair was regarded a success, blessed with fine weather, attendance increased from last year and there was positive feedback from many of the stall holders. The Bio Blitz exercise organised on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July was attended by over 50. Recording kits and supporting literature were issued to participants to assist in the identification of plants, insects etc. in the meadow .The findings were forwarded for inclusion on a national data base.

Workdays of the 24<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> August saw volunteers engaged in the removal of buddleia and invasive vegetation on the pathways at the north end of the park.

For the fourth year in succession the group have achieved the Green Flag Community Award for conservation work undertaken in the meadow.

PB expressed her frustration at the lack of communication between Parks Department and the group, there exists an apparent reluctance by officials to inform of proposed activities and work assignments. The onus is always on the group to investigate and inquire in order to obtain necessary information. similar sentiments have been conveyed by other Friends Groups.

The situation of the tennis courts is a prime example.

( ii )

Playground Scheme.

PR and EF reported on the status of the project. Together with consultants SMP Ltd they had produced a design for a natural play area for children at the derelict bowling green site .As the council and local representatives were closely involved from commencement, they were fully aware of the content and scale of the scheme.

The plans were submitted to the council for final approval but were rejected and a more modest design proposed including different equipment and re-location of units. Maintenance charges, always a contentious issue with the council, were regarded as excessive in the original scheme.

The total cost of the revised project is £100,000 with a Future Phase Development Option costing a further £28,500.

Time factors are now approaching critical as it has been the intention of FOHP to part pay the original scheme using the Landfill Communities Fund but this source is to be phased out in the near future.

It was agreed that PR should e-mail the authority and local representatives detailing the following concerns.

( a ) We are of the view that the amended scheme fails to bridge the age gap between the current play facilities and, as such, is likely to disappoint the local community. We therefore insist that the project must meet that aim from the outset.

( b ) As you are aware it is commonplace for football be seen to be played on the bowling green, broken glass and litter are a consequence. We are concerned that simply placing infant and nursery age equipment directly alongside this area would be problematic despite the proposed wildflower planting. If misused the area would simply become a sea of mud.

( c ) We are very concerned about including maintenance costs in the project. Are you able to provide examples of other S-106 funded projects in Cardiff where the local community has been required to fund ongoing maintenance.

( d ) We would like to see a full breakdown of maintenance costs.

( e ) In 2015 we were informed that £122K was available of which £62K were S-106 funds and £60K insurance proceeds. We have now be told that there is £60K S- 106 and £51680 insurance money .Are you able to explain this discrepancy ?

5.09.16	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b>  Playground Scheme. ( cont. )  ( f ) We believe that a number of items on the costs breakdown could be completed by the volunteer groups, in-house using the council's own equipment and workforce or a combination of the two. We would like to see the costs revised to take account of this proposal.  ( g ) The amended scheme clearly represents the first phase of the playground development.. In order to make applications for capital funding ( such as Landfill Community Grants ) that are likely to succeed we need to have designs for the complete scheme. Although the proposed works are on a smaller scale, we understand that the relevant council officers were going to amend the proposed SMP/FOHP plans to produce an acceptable “ final version” of the scheme which we could then use for funding application purposes .Could we therefore see plans for the development of the entire bowling green area ?  ( h ) We would like to consult jointly with the local community on the plans for this area.</p>		
6.09.16	<p><b>PARK ISSUES.</b>  (i) Proposed Workday.  Sustrans employees have offered their services as part of a workday. A date is to be arranged other than a week end and ranger supervision organised.  (ii) Management Plan.  Indications are that this document, being prepared by council officials, will be ready by the end of the month.  (iii) Hay Rake.  This will take place in the meadow on the afternoon of Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.  (iv) Interpretation Board,  It was agreed that an attempt be made to restore the affected frame and perhaps purchase a replacement frame next year.</p>		
7.09.16	<p><b>FOHP ISSUES.</b>  None</p>		
8.09.16	<p><b>AOB</b>  (i) Banners.  The Llandaff Festival Committee are creating banners to be attached to lampposts on Station Road, hopefully with FOHP logo attached, to help promote and identify the area.</p>		
9.09.16	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b>  7.30pm Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016   Meeting Closed 9.05pm   D.Kinsey,   Secretary.</p>		