

## FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK

**MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD,  
LLANDAFF NORTH ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

	<p><b>PRESENT.</b></p> <p><b>CHAIRPERSON.</b> Penny Bowers</p> <p><b>SECRETARY/ TREASURER</b> Derek Kinsey</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE.</b> Mike Matty, Paul Rock, Derek Ford, Cheney Drew.</p> <p><b>PARK RANGER.</b> Gareth Stamp</p>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Page 1 of 3</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1.09.19	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Anita Smith, Russell Todd.		
2.09.19	<b>MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING.</b> These were read and accepted as accurate. (July meeting was cancelled.)		
3.09.19	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING.</b></p> <p>5.05.19 ( i ) Bee Bank. GS stated that the additional sand required to maintain the integrity of the bee bank will be acquired and factored into the autumn schedule when bee activity would have declined.</p> <p>6.05.19 ( i ) Containers in overflow car park. PB stated that rather than having the containers removed, additional units may be deployed at the site.</p> <p>6.05.19 ( vii) Picnic Table. This vandalised unit was deposited in the river circa 2009 and, considering its location, would prove a prohibitive challenge to retrieve. Cardiff Rivers Authority should be informed for they would be better equipped to salvage the item which might have a scrap metal value.</p>		
4.09.19	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT.</b></p> <p>DK presented an Income &amp; Expenditure Account for 1 Jan – 31 Aug. 2019. The opening credit balance recorded as £2961.31. Subscription receipts of £430.00 and donations of £105.33 .Payments to date totalled £1662.56 leaving a credit balance of £1842.08.</p> <p>More members were recruited at the summer fair and some others using the Paypal facility one of which resides in Glenelg, Adelaide, South Australia.</p>		
5.09.19	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS.</b></p> <p>( I ) Crime. PB reported that two boys were robbed at knifepoint in the park at 6.00pm 12<sup>th</sup> May and arrests were subsequently made. Graffiti attacks with a political element are occurring, the authorities are being informed and photographs forwarded to aid identification of the offenders.</p>		

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5.09.19	<p><b>BRIEF REPORTS ( Cont.)</b></p> <p>( ii ) Whitchurch Rugby Club Event. Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. The club organised an event in the park involving seventy teams, the majority of participants arrived by car causing parking chaos in the vicinity. Local residents were adversely affected by the volume of vehicles and the police were notified and attended, issuing numerous parking tickets for violations of the highway code .FOHP introduced a Sustainable Travel Policy for the park advocating the use of public transport and cycling to lessen the impact of congestion on an already overburdened urban community, regrettably, these proposals were not observed .Cardiff Parks have to be informed of any event and give approval after health and safety issues,, insurances, fees etc have been resolved. The rugby club appear to have ignored these necessary protocols so they may incur financial penalties.</p> <p>( ii ) Waste Bins. PB reported that one of the waste bins near the car park has become detached from its concrete plinth. The local councillor has been informed and she has contacted the authority. GS reported that the waste bin near the playground has been torched but a replacement has been requested.</p> <p>( iii ) Basket Ball Hoops. These have been removed from the facility as complaints about noise levels, very late at night, continue to be made by local residents. An increase in anti-social behaviour has been observed in the area and local councillors are attempting to find solutions.</p> <p>( iii ) Workday, Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. PB reported that the volunteers were engaged in a tidying exercise prior to the Green Flag inspection. Although this process had been conducted over a few months, this was the final push to present the park at its very best and impress the judges.</p> <p>( iv ) Workday, Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June. PB reported that the volunteers were involved with removing balsam from sites in the park. This task has to be addressed throughout the year as the species is very invasive but constant attention by the group has shown a significant decline in the contagion.</p> <p>( v ) Workday, 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. On a very hot afternoon, the volunteers were required to attend to be wooden benches in the park. These were rubbed down and treated with preservative. This necessary annual exercise also involved sweeping the seating area and removing debris etc. from the sites.</p> <p>( vi ) Workday, Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August. PB reported that the volunteers had two tasks to perform. The first was to remove invasive vegetation along the roadway to the changing rooms and then attend to the weeds etc. on the bee bank, again a regular chore.</p> <p>( vii ) Orchids. PB reported that the bee and common spotted orchid have appeared in the meadow, some twenty years after first being observed.</p>		
6.09.19	<p><b>PARK ISSUES.</b></p> <p>( i ) Interpretation Board.</p>		

	<p>PB reported this unit ,funded by FOHP, is now installed and looks very impressive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Page 3 of 3</b></p>		
<b>6.09.19</b>	<p><b>PARK ISSUES. – ( Cont.)</b>  (ii ) Green Flag.  PB reported that ,although FOHP again achieved a Green Flag Community Award for the meadow, the greater prize of a Green Flag for the whole park was denied the group by the narrowest of margins of one point. The judge’s report will be made available for scrutiny and, hopefully, ensure a successful bid next year .Over mowing practices adopted rate a demerit and a lack of reasonable control of defined activities contributed. It is imperative that grass margins remain a feature of the park as they provide corridors for wild flowers and their insect pollinators. The concern is that, if the rugby club extends the playing areas in the middle field, these margins may be lost.</p>		
<b>7.09.19</b>	<p><b>FOHP ISSUES</b>  (i ) FOHP Chairperson Penny Bowers has received a Local Community Award &amp; Trophy for her biodiversity work in Hailey Park and dog education duties She also helped to establish the Cardiff Meadows project, aimed at providing essential habitat for threatened pollinators and declining mammals such as hedgehogs .On the 8<sup>th</sup> July she attended a meeting of the Green Group at County Hall an organisation concerned with biodiversity issues.  (ii ) Loan Repayment.  In order to facilitate the playground scheme in May 2012, as there was a funding gap between the project capital cost and the grant funds available, DK made an unconditional loan of £1500 to the group .Now, as financial resources allow, it was agreed to repay £1000 of that sum.</p>		
<b>8.09.19</b>	<p><b>AOB.</b>  (i ) Hay Rake. – 2.00pm ,Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  The date for this important workday project has been decided. About 2000sq/m of meadow is cut by the council and the volunteers rake the area and create habitats for a variety of creatures living in the park.  The process helps wild flowers to flourish which in turn increases the numbers of insect pollinators.</p>		
<b>9.09.19</b>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</b>  7.00pm Wednesday. 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.10pm.</p> <p>Derek Kinsey,  Secretary.</p>		

