

FRIENDS OF HAILEY PARK
MINUTES OF THE BI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT
THE ROYAL EXCHANGE, TYMAWR ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH,
7.30 PM WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2012.

	<p>PRESENT.</p> <p>CHAIRPERSON. Penny Bowers</p> <p>SECRETARY. Derek Kinsey</p> <p>TREASURER. Donella Smith</p> <p>COMMITTEE, Paul Rock</p> <p>MEMBERS. J. Mercer, J. Handley</p> <p>PARK RANGER. Gareth Stamp</p> <p>THE MEETING WAS DECLARED INQUORATE.</p>		
ITEM	PAGE 1 OF 3	ACTION	DATE
1.11.12	APOLOGIES. Sue Youngman, Sylvia Ward.		
2.11.12	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.</p> <p>These were read and accepted as accurate apart from the fact that the alteration of the bank mandate regarding co-signatures on FOHP issued cheques had been informally discussed but not recorded. At the insistence of the bank this is now rectified with DS, PB, DK and PR duly authorised.</p>		
3.11.12	<p>MATTERS ARISING.</p> <p>3.09.12 (i) Bicycle Stands. GS reported that he was still awaiting confirmation of further units.</p> <p>7.09.12 (i) Sustrans. PB reported that there appears to be no prospect of Sustrans volunteers to be engaged on pathway maintenance in the park, some incorrect information had originally indicated otherwise.</p> <p>6.09.12 (i) Titan Unit. This equipment, part of the playground scheme, has been repaired and re-installed but the configuration is temporary and will be replaced.</p> <p>7.09.12 (iii) Loop Bridge. PB reported that on Thursday 11th October she attended a meeting with Cllr. S.Corria at Brindley Road offices re the Cart 52 development. On Tuesday, 16th October the meeting was re-convened on site with the main purpose that the pathways from the bridge be refurbished with measures to prevent cyclist speeding. This meeting was at the request of PB & Cllr. Corria and also in attendance was member Meriel Jones, Cllr Dilwar Ali, ranger Gareth Stamp, Matt Scanlon(leading pathways project as part of the Neighbourhood Regeneration Team) and Jo Sachs-Eldridge(Cycles Officer).FOHP website will show work to be done and timescale. If the bridge work is not completed by the new year, work will commence on the pathways for completion by end of March 2013. MS advised introduction of chicanes but the cycles officer contested this issue. The consultation process is due to end Friday, 9th November.</p>	G.Stamp	Next Meeting

4.11.12	TREASURER'S REPORT. Funds at the bank total £561.63 with no creditor/debtor balances.		
5.11.12	BRIEF REPORTS. (i) Workday, Saturday 6 th October. GS reported that a conservation team of 18 from the Welsh Assembly were engaged in scrub removal from the meadow, working from 10.00am to 3.00pm. This is a relentless task and must be undertaken during the autumn and winter months so the meadow aspect can be preserved and enjoyed. (ii) Workday, Sunday 28 th October. PB reported that a team of 4 FOHP volunteers braved the inclement weather and were able to remove a quantity of willow etc. from an area near the Loop Bridge. Heavy rain finally curtailed activities at 3.00pm but a significant amount of work was completed considering the conditions. The workday for the previous month scheduled for Sunday, 23rd September was cancelled due to bad weather. (iii) Positive Outlook Program. GS reported on this initiative for youngsters with behavioural difficulties. It is a scheme similar to NEETS allowing youngsters to gain some work experience as they will be engaged in conservation duties over three sessions in the park during November.		
6.11.12	PARK ISSUES. (i) Green Flag Award. The insignia awarded will be displayed on a vertically erected and treated railway sleeper to be positioned on the meadow pathway. (ii) Code of Conduct. PB stated that on Tuesday, 30 th October she attended a Code of Conduct meeting with Jen Nelson (Outdoor Cardiff) Mark Tozer, Jo Sachs-Eldridge (Cycles Officer) and Julia Sas (Bute Park Regeneration Project) . It was agreed on shared use circular signs in blue, cycles and pedestrians in white Signs fixed to pathway. (iii) Bowling Green. PB stated that on Monday, 5 th November she attended a meeting on site with P.Hamlin (Parks Dept) , Geoff Barton-Greenwood, (Chair Insole Court Croquet Club and club member Professor Hibbert. Although it was agreed that the green could be brought up to standard, because of the lack of changing and storage facilities it is unlikely that they will be using the venue. (iv) Playground Scheme. When the playground equipment has been fully restored, PB and PR will meet with Brian Russell and Nigel Morgan, officials involved, to sign off the project. DK was requested to write a letter of thanks to BR and NM for their assistance with the scheme. Landfill Tax funding will be available next year but it is unlikely that proposed FOHP projects qualify. (v) Industrial Site. The development of the industrial site at Andrews Road for private housing could result in the release of Section 106 funds, these may be used for park improvements. However, it was noted that the close location of these properties could have a constraining effect on any bowling green site upgrade especially if buildings are proposed, planning permission may be a problem.	D.Kinsey	

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6.11.12	<p>PARK ISSUES. (Cont.)</p> <p>(vi) Local Access Forum, Wednesday, 3rd October. PR attended this meeting where cycling issues are regularly discussed. Again it was stressed that any sort of confrontation between cyclists and pedestrians on the Taff Trail must be reported. The Parks Department, Outdoor Cardiff, C2C or the 101 service will accept the call. Policies and pathway improvements could be influenced by the reporting process.</p> <p>(vii) Management Plan.- Meeting Monday, 10th September. PB attended this meeting at the Heath Park offices attended by ward councillors and parks officials. The creation of a management plan was agreed as essential if the park is to develop and meet the needs of the citizens of Llandaff North in the 21st century.</p>		
7.11.12	<p>FOHP ISSUES.</p> <p>None</p>		
8.11.12	<p>AOB.</p> <p>(i) The FOHP organised a pop-up café in the park to celebrate the opening of the new playground and held an Autumn Fair in the Hawthorn Community Centre. The events were supported by ward councillors S.Corraia & D. Ali and over £200 was raised, this being donated to the Llandaff North Christmas Lights Fund.</p> <p>(ii) There still appears a reluctance, particularly by the sporting community, not to use the main car park if the changing rooms parking facility is full. The tendency is to use Tymawr Road causing partial obstruction and annoyance.</p> <p>(iii) The approach road to the changing rooms will not be fitted with speed bumps but slow signs painted on the carriageway instead.</p> <p>(iv) The Ranger’s Face Book page “ Wild About Cardiff “ is now operational.</p>		
9.12.12	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>7.30pm Wednesday, 9th January 2013.</p>		
	<p>Meeting Closed 8.50 pm.</p> <p>D.Kinsey,</p> <p>Secretary.</p>		