

FORP Board of Trustees Meeting

16 July 2015

Minutes

Present: Jim Gibb, Jane Stevenson, Valerie Forbes, Pete Gregson, Hamish Ross

Apologies: Darren Donaldson

1. The Minutes of the meeting on 7 May 2015 were approved
2. The Community Shelter / Hub Restoration
 - Hamish would draft a response to Thuso Selelo, circulate and send the following week. Hamish would also contact Craig Proudfoot about what other services we might require in anticipation of making a grant application.
 - Jim would obtain a fixed cost from a solicitor and surveyor to manage the detailed conveyancing of the lease.
 - Hamish would come up with some starting points for research into grant sources.
 - Valerie would contact Helen Stockham to ask what kinds of grant sources fund this kind of project.
 - Valerie would ask West Neighbourhood Partnership whether they would fund professional fees for pursuing the matter (e.g. surveyor or solicitor or architect). Failing that, reinstating the chess table base should be considered.
 - It was noted that we would need to regenerate a lot of letters of support to indicate high level of community use of the proposed building.
3. Flood prevention
 - There is to be stakeholder meeting on 11 August
 - It was suggested that we should (as group) adopt the stance that the park should be “improved not reinstated”. Who in the Parks Dept. or the Flood Project Mgmt. would be coordinating this?
 - We already have commitments to moving the playpark. Other possibilities include:
 - painting of cycle lanes on re-surfaced pathways,
 - replacement of disturbed turf outside sports pitches with wildflower/meadow rather than new turf
 - identification and demarcation of areas where ‘fitness trail’ installations might subsequently be located (cf Inverleith Park)
 - remodelling of the area to be vacated by the playpark
 - the possibility of a fenced dog-fouling run (perhaps between the riverbank and fence along the river path at both entrances to the park)
4. Accounts
 - The AGM date was provisionally set for 10 September. Valerie would book the venue and then Hamish would publicise ASAP. The idea of holding the AGM as part of the Bake-Off event was considered.
 - Valerie would attempt to get written confirmation from the West Neighbourhood Partnership that the £100 underspend on the mural project had been unrestricted. At the time of the last accounts this had not been noted, so a transfer in this year’s accounts would have to be made.

5. Saughtonhall Fair

- Jane reported that she had attended this and signed-up some new members. It was noted that Friends of Saughton Park had a much bigger presence and a much bigger set of plans on display.

6. Summer Park Event

- Hamish had vaguely contacted Ian Shiels about a sporting tie-up but it was difficult to see how this would work
- Various summer events were proposed and it was decided to hold a Baking Competition event on Sunday 30 August at 2pm.
- All would circulate ideas. Since the next meeting was 20 August, volunteers would need to simply implement these ideas without much further discussion.

7. Update Action List

The action list now includes:

Hamish would set up a trial membership management process using Google.

Darren will send round a contents page for the development of a park masterplan

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8. Dates of Next meetings

Ordinary Meeting: Thursday 20 August 7.30pm, Roseburn Bar

Bake-Off Event: Sunday 30 August, 2pm, Roseburn Park

AGM: Thursday 10 September 7.30pm, venue TBC