

Friends of Roseburn Park Committee Meeting 13th November 2013

Apologies: June Lodge, Pete Gregson

Present: Valerie Forbes, James Gibb, Jane Stevenson, Hamish Ross

1. Notes from previous meeting. These were approved by the group
2. Clock for pavilion
The clock we had intended to purchase is no longer available, the next best option is £629. VF suggested the additional cost could be covered by using the surplus from the mural and table tennis table. The group agreed to look into other options first of all. Jim agreed to research this. It should be 19" diameter, shatterproof, suitable for outdoors, mains powered and radio controlled.
3. Table tennis signage
This has now been put up.
4. Chess table base
Stuart has kindly offered to do this if we cover the cost of the materials. It was suggested that we get an estimate of the costs and enquire as to whether the council could provide materials – Valerie to investigate.
5. Maintenance
Don Wilkie is doing a tremendous job of removing the encroaching verge. Concerns were raised that we may take on tasks that the council could do and it was agreed we should check with DC beforehand.
6. Bulb planting
To take place with school on 29th November. Advance party to start digging at 9 – volunteers encouraged to help. We may also need a further session – perhaps on a Saturday lunchtime.
7. Trees and slippage
Parts of the retaining wall along the river are falling down in 2 sections, in one case taking down a tree. This is now affecting the path with tree roots causing damage. This is a concern as it could cause flooding. Valerie reported that she had contacted Alvin Barber who said no action was required. Don Wilkie followed this up with Councillor Ross who contacted Dougie Cruikshanks. He has consulted bridges and structures department who will report back but it seems likely that gabions will be required to be installed.
8. Toilet Block
We have received the terms for a 25 year lease at peppercorn rent. It was agreed to wait until charitable status is obtained so that the lease will be in the name of The Friends rather than office bearers. There is a clause which states we have to insure contents; the council will organise buildings insurance will the Friends will reimburse. There is no mention of a get out clause. It was suggested a break out clause should be inserted. We will also have to pay a surveyor's fee (£200?)
It was agreed to refer this to Don Wilkie who is continuing to manage the project.
9. DVD
Hamish and Jane to send apologies to the maker of the DVD for poor communications and ask for clarification on how he would like to see it used.
10. Offers etc.
J McCrone (electricians) have offered to help the group. Valerie agreed to thank them and clarify what type of help they would be willing to give.

A member of the public offered support with planning projects. Jane to invite him to the next meeting.

There was a request through the website for advertising a local cleaning business. It was agreed that this was not part of the group's remit but Jane to suggest contacting the community council.