

## Friends of Roseburn Park Committee Meeting 13/3/14

Apologies: None

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

### **Agenda**

#### **Items arising from EGM and previous meeting**

#### **Approval of previous meeting notes**

#### **New items**

- 1. Lighting in Park**
- 2. Website**
- 3. Flood Prevention**

#### **Any Other Business**

#### **Date of next meeting**

#### Matters arising from previous meeting and EGM

1. Picnic Tables

Carried forward to next meeting

2. Young person's committee

Roseburn pupil council have discussed ideas for improving the playpark. Jane will suggest the idea of a meeting with committee representation. It was noted that we currently have a member who is 14 and therefore not technically a member under the constitution. We need to consider how to ensure the age group between Primary school and 16 has a voice.

3. Safety at Ice Rink entrance

There was concern that this does not come under our remit however it does affect those entering and leaving the park. The path is to be moved slightly as part of the flood works. It was suggested the flood prevention team could be involved here. Hamish expressed interest in taking this forward.

4. Basketball net

If the playpark were to be moved a net could go in the triangle. The other options considered were the side of the armoury and the grass opposite. Valerie offered to contact Jim Galloway for advice.

5. Play park

Roseburn School have been asking parents and children for suggestion for improvements including re-siting the playpark. It was agreed that Kristi Crawford who is leading the consultation should be invited to the next meeting. The committee proposed a number of suggestions as to how the current playpark site could be used if a move were to happen. It will very important to prepare these and put forward as we don't want to lose this valuable area of land.

One suggestion for a new site for the playpark was the area by the flood wall beside the cricket pitch which is often used by local children for football. Parents had raised concerns that there may be hazards caused by cricket balls. It was felt that currently this is not an issue but the realignment of the cricket square may present an increased risk.

#### 6. Fruit trees and edible planting

Carried forward to next meeting

#### 7. Presence in the park

This was clarified to mean putting up our banner when there are significant events. Hamish was keen to have a bake sale at the One Direction concert. This would mean getting a stallholders licence and there may be other requirements. Pete agreed to look into this.

#### 8. Dog fouling

It was stressed that the streets surrounding the park are not our responsibility. Valerie has requested another visit from the wardens

#### 9. Charitable Status

We have now achieved our charitable status with thanks to Hamish. There may be a change to our legal name. Hamish will clarify this with our bank.

#### 10. Pavilion clock

This has been ordered and we are awaiting its arrival

#### 11. Chess Table Base

Stuart has offered to do the work for an estimated £300 if we can provide the materials. Valerie to find out what materials he needs and see if council can supply these.

#### 12. Community Hub

Valerie attended a meeting at which several areas were clarified

There is a clause which allows us to exit the lease at the rent review.

If we are not successful in accessing the grant for refurbishment the lease agreement will be null and void.

Insurance is paid by the council who then ask us to pay this back. This is unlikely to be a substantial amount.

We will be required to be pay rates and legal fees. Thusso will check this.

We need to instruct our own surveyor and find out who will pay for the council surveyor. The cost of fees can be included the grant application.

New items

Lighting in the Park

There are currently many styles of streetlamp in the park. There was discussion on whether all lamps should be the same design. The lamp at the table tennis table is out; people have been observed playing table tennis in very poor light. Several member have requested lighting down the middle path for safety.

Jim is keen to explore this issue so it was suggested the first step should be to find out the schedule for replacement from Clarence.

Website

Issues regarding contacts via the old website resolved by removing this function

Flood Prevention

At the parent partnership meeting Jeremy Balfour indicated that there may be a period where there is no access through the park and also that the area where the cricket pitch is will be used for plant machinery.

The committee agreed a strong objection to there being no through route; therefore no safe route to school; and to the plant machinery being housed in the park due to the length of time the area would be out of use.

AOB

Sadly we received a letter of resignation from June Lodge. June was one of the founding members of the friends group and will be sorely missed.

We agreed that the Fun Day should go ahead this year on the same weekend which would be 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Hamish is to investigate hiring of tents. Jane to organise a meeting of the sub committee

It was agreed to have another stall at the Saughtonhall Fete this year

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7pm Roseburn Bar