

Friends of Roseburn Park Minutes of 24 February 2016, 7pm Meeting

Present: Pete Gregson (Chair), Valerie Forbes, Neil Gardner, Hamish Ross

Apologies: Alette Willis, Jane Stevenson, Jim Gibb

Approval of minutes (13 Jan 2016) and matters arising The minutes were approved with thanks to Alette.

Minutes approved

Neighbourhood Partnership- ongoing representation. The Neighbourhood Partnership meeting had been extremely productive and there was a positive response from senior managers to much of FoRP's thinking about the park.

Pete will continue to represent FoRP at NP meetings.

Flood-works Stakeholders - feedback from meeting? There was little new to report from the last stakeholders meeting. Neil and Val represent FoRP at these meetings. We have started posting the minutes of these meetings on the website.

Val to supply latest minutes to Hamish for the website.

Newsletter feedback. The newsletter had been well-distributed through local businesses, with two additional print-runs. The activity in the park perhaps increases interest but it was thought that the newsletter was something we should repeat. It is now possible to join FoRP online and it was suggested that QR code for that page would also help people to do this.

Hamish to post the newsletter in the park noticeboard. **Pete** to get a QR code. **Val** to join online.

Toilet block. Pete had spoken to entrepreneurs who said they would rent a refurbished building from FoRP but would not undertake the refurbishment themselves. This would provide FoRP with an income, the building would be regularly used, there would be more access to facilities, and no maintenance for FoRP to deal with. This was the only option for the building that Pete would put time into, personally. However the likelihood was that such a business would need some level of vehicular access and there was strong disagreement at the meeting over the acceptability of this. It was agreed that Pete would approach the City Council with a view to pursuing the required changes to the lease (or possible ownership). However the full Board will need to come to a decision about this direction of travel in the coming months.

Pete to pursue changes to lease with the Council. **All** to consider the potential issue of vehicular access for later decision.

Budget for carving- discussion with Carole Fraser; funding bids to NP Community Grants Fund There had been rapid progress the idea of carving some felled trees for additional park seating or sculpture. The next steps were to identify the number of possible installations, thus the number of trees, and then obtain an estimate from Carole Fraser. The CGF scheme was an obvious scheme to apply to for the funds and it should be straightforward to apply this financial year.

Visioning meeting- Park Improvement Plan- possible extra fundraising for park improvements- present to MCC The next step about an overall plan was to discuss the Council's Park Improvement plan with the outgoing officer, circulate for quick amendment (and a possible

Various were due to meet with the officer on the morning of 26 Feb. **Pete** to

emergency meeting if there were particular issues), and getting the officer to submit this to local managers in order to develop a sense of momentum.

Students -University of Edinburgh MSc Project on Roseburn Park Cultural values. Pete had met with the MSc students who might do some consultation with local people as part of their project, and this might be useful to FoRP. How to approach this from FoRP's point of view partly depended on Jane and Alette's progress with school consultation work. In asking the students to consider residents' post-floodworks thoughts, we would want to relate this to the school consultation. Pete also circulated some school consultation work that had happened elsewhere and had been presented at the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

Play Area consultation. Not discussed in the absence of Jane and Alette.

Armoury Asbestos update. Pete would contact the cricket club to see whether there was an estimated cost for dealing with the asbestos in the armoury with a view to seeing if there were third parties who might contribute.

Amenity Association- Roseburn? Pete noted that some local businesses and residents might be well-served by a more general Roseburn amenity association. FoRP in general supported the idea and would advertise the possibility on our website to help interested parties get together.

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Neil noted incidentally that there was a question of Murrayfield Wanderers' ongoing discussions with the SRU about where they would be practising in the future, and whether this would increase park use.

Dates of Next Meetings. The following dates were proposed:

23 March

27 April

25 May

22 June

recirculate the improvement plan asap.

Hamish would contact the students to liaise with **Hamish** and/or **Neil** for support and discussion.

Hamish to send the CC email address to Pete.

Hamish would mention the idea on FB and the website. **Pete** would provide a contact email for interested parties.

Pete would circulate these proposed dates