

# MINUTES

## FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

1. Present: Board members: Pete Gregson, Barbara Knowles, Valerie Forbes, Neil Gardiner and Hamish Ross. Apologies, John Yellowlees and Kim Rowse.

2. Matter arising from November Meeting :

- i) The PR Consultancy for Murrayfield 2020 had written requesting to attend the next Board meeting, as part of their consultation on the proposals for the ice rink and adjoining land.  
AP : Pete to confirm to Consultants this would be OK. Barbara to contact Helen Barbour, Secretary to Murrayfield Community Council to check whether MCC would also be meeting the PR Consultancy. [Note : as of 8<sup>th</sup> January, MCC had heard nothing, except receipt of the consultation that FORP had also received.]
- ii) A request that Minutes for 27<sup>th</sup> October meeting of the Cycletrack Stakeholders Group be corrected as no member of FORP had expressed doubt about cyclists using the Park.  
AP : Barbara to contact Callum Smith at CEC. [Note : Barbara had received an assurance that the relevant Minutes would be corrected.]

3. Water of Leith Stakeholders Group Meeting : 24<sup>th</sup> November :

Val reported back on the discussions. Revisions to the Play Park had been discussed along with hedging and fencing. The ramp in the north east section of the Park will be at 1:12 instead of 1:15 to save 2 trees. There was discussion about borrowing a wheelchair to check on ease of use. Edinburgh Access Panel would also be consulted about disabled access throughout the Park.

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December for further design issues to be discussed. It was agreed to ask whether the schedule of tree species could be amended/added to. It was decided to no longer pursue line wiring but to ask about use of anti-graffiti paint on walls to enable easy removal of graffiti.

Next meeting of the WoL Stakeholders would be in January on a date yet to be confirmed.

Neil raised the idea of creating an outdoor classroom, which he had discussed with the head teacher of RPS. It could be sited where the playpark is currently. Further consideration of this to be tabled at the next meeting.

4. Cycling in the Park :

Following the recent consultation about lane marking, it was agreed that the relevant Cycling Officer be contacted to find out what the results of the consultation were. The Council will be adding lighting for the path.

5. Improvement Plan :

Consideration of how to progress the Plan and anticipated community benefits would be discussed further at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December with local officers at the Hub. These included the trim trail, outdoor gym etc. A list of items and their priorities would be needed.

AP : all

6. Toilet Block :

A Planning Application with revised prices would be needed for development of this. It was unclear whether the Board would need to hire a consultant to do this. What is needed is that all information to be gathered together and consolidated to enable an application for Planning Permission to be submitted. There was some discussion on whether the Board should bid for ownership from rather than lease the building. Ownership of the building could make it easier to gain funding for the refurbishment. However, it was decided to seek a lease instead.

AP : Pete and Hamish to investigate what is needed for a Planning Application, seeking comment from Barbara and Neil if necessary.

7. Funders Meeting :

A meeting of Funding organisations would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December at Tynecastle.

AP : Kim and Barbara to attend

8. Wanderers Proposals:

The sub-group had met and discussed a wide range of issues. Neil reported that there were concerns about over use of the Park, as the Wanderers had 9 teams. Issues such as pitch floodlighting and licensing needed to be resolved, if a new pavilion was built. Various ideas were tabled including a small group of Trustees to meet Edinburgh Leisure, as there were other users – e.g. cricket players. The position might be clearer after the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December of CEC's Culture and Sport Committee, if the Committee discuss the Wanderer's proposals.

AP :

- i. Pursue Edinburgh Leisure about 'redlines'
- ii. Meet again with Wanderers in a small sub group
- iii. Neil to explore and draft possibilities and circulate

9. Newsletter:

To be issued before Christmas

10. DONM : 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017