

MINUTES

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

25th January, 2017

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

2. Matter arising from November Meeting :

- i) A plea that hence forward, the 'Toilet Block' be called something far more positive like 'Proposed Café'. [Suggestion that we have a £1.00 fine and a collecting box for lapses!].
- ii) The PR Consultancy for Murrayfield 2020 have been invited to give a presentation at the next Board meeting on 1st March. There may be revisions to their proposals arising from their meeting with Edinburgh City Council on 23rd January.

3. Water of Leith Stakeholders Group Meeting :

Although the next meeting had been expected to take place during January, this was now scheduled for 13th February.

4. Cycling in the Park :

The company undertaking the survey for changes to the Quiet Route 8 route through the Park, had lost the response file and the consultation has had to be re-done. Consultation now runs from 20th January to 26th February and to be publicised on our website and in the forthcoming newsletter. To note that the Quiet Route 8 would become part of the West Edinburgh Active Travel Network and that this proposal has been submitted to Sustrans for funding (£3.5M from Sustrans) by the Council. It is unclear who was consulted about this proposal.

AP : Barbara to investigate further.

5. Trees Discussion

After much discussion at the meeting, it was agreed that the tree and shrub list should be completed by Pete and Barbara. There was a request that a Monkey Puzzle (Chilean Pine) be included as a specimen tree if possible.

AP : Pete and Barbara

6. Improvement Plan :

a. Proposed Café

Arising from the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting of 14th December, there had been discussion about a lease on the property with a submission going to Finance & Resources Committee in March or May. There followed discussion about funding, a sub-lease with a possible tenant and insurance cost issues for the building. The architect for the proposed café had made contact. The Planning Application had now been submitted but a Building Warrant would be needed to be submitted. Warrant drawings would be needed along with revised pricing and would incur fees accordingly. It was concluded that no fund raising would be done until after the lease issues had been completed. The

lease would be for 25 years with a break possible after 5 years. The lease would hopefully be at a peppercorn rate. Edinburgh Council Estates would draw up the lease and be asked to sort the leaking pipe. The Council would also be asked to make the building wind and watertight and secure in advance of FORP taking on a lease.

One possible source of funding could be Landfill Tax along with Crowdfunding. Project Management would be undertaken by the architect and take around 15 months to complete. Pete provided a list of possible occupiers.

AP : Pete to continue liaising with the architect.

b. Tree Seats

The carved benches cost around £2,500. Murrayfield Community Council had agreed to part fund this project. Agreed it should be located in an 'arty' corner of the Park. Not clear what happened about maintenance or who would do the carving. Agreed to ask the Council for further help with and a grant application made to Artroots. This was funding applications needed by 10th February.

AP : Pete to contact a carver and pursue additional funding

c. Play Area

It was understood that the Council was to send a note to immediate residents to be circulated explaining where it was to be located and why. Much discussion on whether there should be a meeting for local residents.

d. Current Play Area

Ideas for what to do with this area to be sought via the newsletter. John raised the issue about information boards especially relating to bio-diversity. An information board could be placed at the Ice/Curling Rinks entrance.

AP : Hamish and Pete for newsletter

e. Trim Trail/Teen Area

The Council have agreed that the Trim Trail was OK to pursue, as was an area for teenagers with a shelter and basketball hoop. If the Wanderers wanted a clubhouse by the Ice Rink, then this could affect where the teen area went. In terms of the Trim Trail, the suppliers could be called upon to assist with consultation. There would need to be further meetings with the Environment Manager and the Community Parks Officer to discuss these items.

AP : Hamish to contact officer at Inverleith Park for advice

f. Other Issues

i. John asked what was happening to the drinking fountain, if anything. It's no longer used perhaps due to fears of legionnaire's disease. Further investigation needed.

AP : John

ii. Barbara raised the issue about graffiti on both the Proposed Café and the Changing Rooms. Maybe a group of 'painters' needed as a small work party.

AP: Hamish

7. Funders Meeting :

Barbara and Kim separately attended this meeting. Kim and Barbara had submitted a note of organisations that might be approached. Barbara suggested that Aviva might be included, but the competition for funding is quite fierce due to its 'voting' system. Other suggestions for inclusion were Scotmid.

8. Wanderers Proposals:

A meeting between a sub-group of this Board and the Wanderer's representatives had taken place. The Wanderer's had agreed to send a fixture list to indicate the level of usage. It was unclear just which Committee at Edinburgh Council the matter was going to.

AP : Hamish to clarify usage and process at Edinburgh Council

9. Newsletter:

A draft needed to be re-circulated as the last deadline had been missed.

AP : Hamish

10. DONM : 1st March, 2017

Thereafter meeting dates 2017 : 12th April, 24th May and 5th July.