

# MINUTES

## FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017

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

2. Ice Rink Proposals :

David Coutts, PR Consultant for Murrayfield 2020, had emailed that there was no further update and that a presentation at this time would not be appropriate. He would let the Board know when there was any further update.

3. Matters arising from January Meeting :

i) Tree Planting : Following the submission of FORP's suggested tree species and planting areas, there would be a meeting on site on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 to discuss issues with David Sinclair and Ritchie Fraser.

AP : Val and Barbara to attend. Pete would send them correspondence and plans.

ii) Trim Trail : Hamish had not yet contacted the Parks Officer at Inverleith for advice

iii) Graffiti : Hamish and Barbara had discussed when painting might take place, but it was dependent on the weather. [Note : from Murrayfield Community Council March meeting, that the Council will only remove graffiti where it is offensive].

iv) Newsletter had been published and distributed. 400 copies had gone to various shops and Murrayfield View. Val to check where paper copies were and take spares to Roseburn House and Roseburn Court.

4. Water of Leith Stakeholders Group Meeting : 13<sup>th</sup> February

Val reported there had been revisions to the dates when the various phases of the flood prevention scheme would be completed. Most of the project was 'on-time' and maybe a bit ahead of schedule. Work on the Saughton part has already started with full completion by October this year. Next meeting is due in April.

Val had raised the issue about a digger damaging trees in an attempt to lop a tree and the employee concerned had been reprimanded.

Val raised the issue about the time lights were on in the park, as after the stakeholders meeting they were 'out'. Also what proposals SRU had for their area on the other side of the fence at the stadium. She would try and raise this at a liaison meeting with Murrayfield Residents Association. Next meeting would be before the next Six Nations match.

AP : Val to raise SRU proposals at next MRA meeting.

Barbara & Val to raise issue of lighting times with Parks Officers on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

5. Cycling in the Park :

The consultation about the changes at the mini roundabout had received 69 comments. This was considered a high number of responses. Analysis of these would be reported shortly by Martyn Lings and expected by April/May.

Barbara had received an assurance from the Cycling Group at Edinburgh Council that FORP would be consulted as part of the next stage of public consultation for the West of Edinburgh Active Travel Network.

AP : Barbara to circulate details of WEATN proposal.

6. Improvement Plan :

a. Proposed Café

The lease for the building would be going to Finance and Resources Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. It was emphasised that the building should be wind and water tight and be secure before a lease was signed. A survey of the building had been promised but not yet forthcoming. It was agreed that if funding could not be found to upgrade the building, then written into the lease should be an option to hand back the lease after a period of 18 months to 2 years. It was agreed that Pete and Hamish would sign the lease on behalf of the Board.

AP : Pete to liaise with Estates on lease and survey.

b. Tree Seat

Community Parks Officer had agreed to be referee for any funding applications. Funding had been turned down by Artroots. Various suggestions were made such as a cheaper option of an un-carved log from maybe Inverleith. While the tree/log maybe free, there would still be the need for concrete anchorage. It was suggested that FORP approach Murrayfield Community Council at its next meeting for revised funding, with MCC sponsoring the whole cost.

AP : Pete to recheck price of a carved bench

c. Play Area

It had been agreed at a meeting in late January that £90,000 from WENP would be made available from the Council for play equipment. This would be tacked onto Flood Prevention budgets, as the equipment could not be installed in the next 3 months, otherwise monies would be 'lost'.

d. Old Play Area

There had been 5 responses so far. As this was quite a low response, then an email was needed around FORP members to stimulate a greater response rate.

AP : Hamish to email members

## 7. Wanderers Proposals

Hamish reported that an example fixtures list had been supplied by the cricket club, and the cricket club were also in discussions with Roseburn Primary School. The Wanderers' approach to the City Council was still unclear. He would continue to enquire of Wanderers and Frank Ross. He noted that he hadn't heard back from Councillor Ross on how proposals would be processed within Edinburgh Council. [Note : Councillor Ross remembered he needed to do this at MCC's March meeting].

Kim raised the issue on whether there would be more infringement of the title deeds and that legal advice may be necessary on the intensification of sport usage. Pete and Kim agreed to see whether a retired/Murrayfield resident solicitor could offer advice

AP : Hamish to continue liaising with Wanderers and Councillor Ross.

Kim to ask Clancy's if they would help; Pete to chase up respondent from July 2016 who had a good grasp of Common Good legislation.

## 8. Saughton Community Association Fair :

This would be good publicity for FORP and meeting agreed to take a stall on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## 9. DONM : 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

Thereafter meeting dates 2017 : 24<sup>th</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup> July.