

# MINUTES

## FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017

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

2. **Matters arising from April Meeting :**

i) House of Hound had queried that if they accepted a cash collecting tin, then it should have official labels. They did not think people would donate otherwise.

**AP : HR to follow up and clarify**

ii) Quiet Route through the Park – Funding for this would be from Sustrans and would need procurement procedures to be followed. So several bits of cycle track would be included. It was not expected to start until the Autumn. Low level lighting was not included, especially as the changes proposed were a trial.

iii) Cyclist/Pedestrian Conflict – Val raised this issue as some cyclists were hurtling along the newly opened path from Roseburn Crescent. This is a temporary Shared Path so signs are needed reminding cyclists that they needed to cycle with care.

**AP : PG to write to Martin Ings**

iv) Tree Planting Scheme – Barbara reported that this had not gone out to tender yet as it is only now becoming clear what would be required. The left bank of the Water of Leith could not be planted up, due to the slope and the BioNet underneath, while Rock Rolls has been placed in the river. The slopes of any bund and any toe in front could also not be planted up due to the foundations of the bund. The offer of a Monkey Puzzle tree had been accepted by FORP, but it was not clear whether the relevant Park Officer had agreed to find a site nor agreed it was in a suitable condition to transplant.

A problem area between the south wall of the Flood Prevention Scheme and the temporary fencing on the SRU's boundary. This was wide enough to accumulate rubbish. It would need to be planted up but would require periodic maintenance to remove rubbish. In addition the wall at this point was looking distinctly base and brutal now that it was complete. This might be ameliorated by some shrubs, but this might mean a 'short' boundary for the adjacent cricket pitch.

A meeting between the Park Ranger, Fiona Underhill, the Council Tree Officer, Ruthe Davies and Barbara is scheduled for Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June to try to resolve issues.

**AP : BK to attend meeting**

### 3. **Water of Leith Stakeholders Group/Contractor Progress :**

The contract would be concluded by the end of January 2018. The next meeting of this group was unknown.

### 4. **Improvement Plan Update :**

- a) Proposed Café – The CAD files had now been handed over and Planning Consent had been granted. While the floor plans were correct, the elevations were incorrect. More drawings for Building Warrant would be needed and Mike had been in to measure up. There was discussion on what the likely costs for Building Warrant and production of drawings would be. This was thought to be £600. Prices from at least 3 contractors would be needed. It was assumed that the builders would do project management and that a unisex toilet would be included.

**AP : KR and HR to look over café**

- b) Tree Seat – Both Scotmid and Scotrail had declined funding for the project. The log was still available. It was concluded that an application should be submitted ASAP for match funding from Neighbourhood Partnership. To note that Neighbourhood Partnership was being merged into the new North West Locality Partnership. [Note : the site for the tree seat was agreed with Fiona Underhill on 07/06/17].

**AP : PG to progress**

- c) Play Area – There was no news on this, although it was expected to go tender in September. Hamish reported that following the recent consultation, establishing an outdoor gym on the existing site received the most votes

**AP : HR**

### 5. **Wanderers**

This had gone very quiet. No submission had been made to the Council nor any discussions with Council staff.

**AP : HR to pursue Councillor Frank Ross and copy in Councillor Neil Gardiner**

### 6. **AOCB**

- a) Saughtonhall Community Fete : Kim, Hamish and Pete would represent FORP on 18<sup>th</sup> June, between 1p.m. to 4.p.m. at Saughtonhall Recreation Hall and Grounds.

**AP : KR, HR & PG**

- b) Old Park Photos : Val requested that her Album of these be retrieved from the Armoury.

- c) Completion of Flood Prevention Scheme : Jane had requested consideration of some sort of celebration. It was agreed that this should be in early May 2018.

**AP : PG**

d) Graffiti Removal : Agreed that there could be possible contact with Cricket Club.

**AP : HR & BK**

e) Park Walkabout – suggestion that all Councillors be invited to this plus Board Members.

**AP : VF**

## **7. DONM**

Agreed that Board meeting on 05/07 be postponed to 02/08, subject to availability of Dove Lounge, with the AGM towards the end of September. [Note : 02/08 is not available and next meeting agreed to be on 09/08].