

# MINUTES

## FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

9<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

1. **Present:** Board members: Val Forbes, Pete Gregson, Barbara Knowles, Hamish Ross, Kim Rowse and John Yellowlees.
2. **Matters arising from May Meeting :**
  - i) House of Hound – now have a collecting can. Future locations for collecting can could be a café, e.g. Vigo or Roseburn Café or similar.
  - ii) Quiet Route 8 through the Park – TRO's would be needed even though changes would be for a short trial period, as it was part of a larger set of plans for cycle paths. Proposal would therefore need further public consultation in Sept/Oct on the detailed design. Pete had taken up the conflict between pedestrians and cyclists on the 'bund' and suggested shared path signs needed. Martin Lings had passed this to Alan Tinto. A similar conflict may occur once the Roseburn Place entrance is opened.  
**AP : PG to progress**
  - iii) Water of Leith Stakeholders Group Meeting - no new date for meeting. Thought that there may not be one.
  - iv) Saughton Community Fete – went reasonably well.
  - v) Graffiti – cricket club not interested in contributing towards purchase of the kit. The kit would clear edges of notice boards, litter bins and phone cabinets. A bid for funding would be needed from Murrayfield Community Council (CC) to Neighbourhood Partnership(NP). Next NP meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August.  
**AP : HR/BK to progress**
  - vi) Walkabout – Councillors to be invited  
AP : PG to explore date with them
3. **Water of Leith Stakeholders Group/Contractor Progress :**
  - a) Tree Planting Scheme – Barbara reported back on 13<sup>th</sup> July meeting on tree planting in the Park. Further clarification needed on the number and type of trees to be included in the Flood Prevention contractors contract. Tree replacements are needed for trees cut down to enable building works. It is still unclear the status of the current tree plan and whether this had been accepted as final. The ownership of land between the concrete wall and the SRU fence still needs to be clarified. The 'farm' gate to be replaced by a metal one and be much smaller.  
**AP : BK to seek clarification with Park Officers on Tree Planting**  
**VF to clarify ownership issue**
  - b) Access into and out of Park - Val raised the issue that the 'hump' and 'hill' did not seem to conform to guidance about disabled access. Kim provided details of what should be constructed

in accordance with guidelines. It was agreed to raise the issue at the forthcoming meeting of the CC in questions to Councillors.

**AP : VF to contact Darren Wraight re disabled guidelines**

**All to raise issue at CC meeting**

- c) End of Works – Park Assessment/Appraisal Plan – Agreed that this should be done by Park Officers in consultation with FORP.

**AP : BK to liaise with Park Officers**

#### 4. Improvement Plan Update :

- a) Café – Pete reported Mike needed to amend planning consent to include a toilet window. A further planning fee may be needed. Two agencies had been identified for funding for refurbishment works – BCCF and EB Scotland. Kim raised the issue of whether Just Enterprise might be able to help –she will ask- but the FORP Board is not inclined to take on setting up a social enterprise business to run the café.

**AP : PG to send email to KR and to continue progress**

- b) Tree Seat – Decision to be made by NP at their meeting on Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> August. PG to attend. Val raised the issue of how the existing park benches had been resited. It was agreed that the benches should be put back to how they used to be.

**AP : PG to continue progress**

**VF to raise issue with Darren/Park Officers**

- c) New Play Area – Pete reported that it was expected that contractors would have vacated the area by end of September and that the play area contractors would be onsite before the winter. A Quantity Surveyor is being appointed to prepare the tender

**AP : PG to progress**

#### 5. Wanderers

Hamish reported on the meeting he had with the Wanderers and Councillor Ross. Wanderers expect to get decision on funding from the BT Foundation for pitch improvements in October and are in discussions with Edinburgh Leisure. It was agreed that Hamish should write to Edinburgh Leisure pointing out that Roseburn Park is a small park close to the City Centre and should not have more than two bookings at any one time. Also the east side should continue to be used solely for cricket. Meantime communication channels should be maintained between the CC and the Wanderers. It was also suggested this matter could be raised at the forthcoming FORP AGM, with maybe a vote taken at the meeting on options.

**AP : HR to remain temporary contact point**

#### 6. Annual General Meeting

Date of 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.p.m. was agreed, if Dove Lounge available. Indications were that all existing Board members wished to remain. Notification of the meeting would be by email and flyer. Future plans for the park should be on the Agenda. Pete had a copy of the Minutes of last AGM.

**[Note : Dove Lounge not available on 27<sup>th</sup>. So a booking made for 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.p.m.]**

#### 7. Draft Accounts

Hamish presented the draft accounts, which were accepted by the Board for presentation to the forthcoming AGM.

## **8. Dates of Next Meetings**

PG offered to circulate some amendments to Hamish's proposals as :  
1<sup>st</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> May, 11 July (the last one could be moved to 8<sup>th</sup> August, as it was this summer) all assuming Dove Lounge available.

**[Note: Dove Lounge not available for some dates. Dates now read :  
8<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> May. August meeting could be booked later.]**