

MINUTES

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

8th November, 2017

1. **Present:** Board members: Val Forbes, Pete Gregson, Barbara Knowles, Hamish Ross, Kim Rowse, John Yellowlees and volunteer Paul Harding.
2. **Election of Office Bearers :** Meeting agreed that all Office Bearers would remain in post – viz: Chair to be Pete, Treasurer to be Hamish and Secretary to be Barbara.
3. **Matters arising from August Meeting :**

- i) Graffiti – Paul had received promises that the Cleansing team had been contacted about the graffiti on one of the flood walls on his property. It was still the contractors liability as a Completion Certificate had not been issued by the Council. [N.B. as of 16/11 contractor had been contacted by the project manager, but the contractor does not have the relevant skills. Darren Wraight, on behalf of the Council, was minded to use the relevant Council Service and re-charge the contractor]

Nothing further had been heard about the application by the Community Council for funding for a graffiti removal kit.

AP : HR/JY to write to Elaine Lennon

- ii) No 32 – Council had agreed no sale of land.
- iii) Walkabout with Councillors – had been successful.

4. **Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme :**

Trees - All trees have now been planted. However the Monkey Puzzle remained a mystery. There is also a diseased tree which needs to be cut down. A replacement should be requested to be planted by the Council. A meeting had been arranged for 22nd November with the Park Officer, the Tree Officer (and now Darren Wraight) by Barbara. Val and Barbara (and anyone else?) to attend and pursue further development of a Tree Planting Plan for the Park. Also to be discussed bulb planting and other planting within the Park

Fence top rail - This is now complete.

Lighting - This will be redone in the Spring by Street Lighting. [N.B. the cable strung between two lighting posts is temporary to allow the whole footpath and cycle track to continue to be lit.]

Walkabout – John invited members to join with the MCC on a walkabout around the Park. Anyone wishing to join to notify Barbara, who will let Helen Barbour know.

Gates – An additional gate would be needed to gain access to the land adjacent to No 32 for maintenance.

End of Works – An assessment/appraisal will be needed. [N.B. As of 16/11, this is likely to take place after 12 months from final completion and will be a matter for Ritchie Fraser/David Jamieson]

Press Release – Darren was seeking comment from FoRP on their view of the works.

AP : PG to email VF with a Press Release for onward transmission to DW

5. Improvement Plan Update :

- a) Café – Pete reported Mike had requested 4 companies to tender for the work but so far with little success. It was possible that the work fell into a category of ‘hard to quote’. Suggestions were made for other approaches including approaching the Federation of Master Builders and local building companies.

AP : KR agreed to email PG with details of a company she knew. PG to check with architect for progress and to offer any help the Board might provide in securing tenders

Funding was discussed and John suggested that as he was talking to the Corstorphine Rotary Club in January, he could sound them out about possible funding.

- b) Tree Bench – An ash tree had been found and the tree sculptor would inspect on 17th and get back if not suitable. It was agreed the sculptor would still be paid for the work he’d done even if he got halfway through the carving and discovered the ash was rotten and would disintegrate. However, we would press upon him the importance of incorporating any flaws he found into the design. The meeting agreed to impress upon the sculptor that he ought only to proceed if he felt the quality of the wood was good enough to commence carving.

AP : PG to check with sculptor.

- c) New Play Area – The tender for overseeing the project was due by Christmas. Completion is expected in early Spring.

- d) Event in the Park – This was now expected to take place in May 2018.

6. Wanderers

Hamish reported that a meeting in February had been suggested. Meantime he would seek clarification of what the process for leasing would be from David Jamieson.

AP : HR to remain temporary contact point

7. Notice boards and Signage

John and Barbara had raised the issue about the number of signs and notice boards in the Park. There are 3 notice boards, some of which contained out of date information. Signage was making the Park cluttered. Quiet Route 8 for cyclists was likely to generate more signage.

AP : BK to find out who was responsible for maintaining the notice boards and who had overall responsibility for the number of signs. PG to contact Martyn Lings about the plethora of signage poles in the park, asking him to try to avoid adding any more

8. Dates of Next Meetings

13th December, 17th January, 14th March, 18th April and 30th May.