

Friends of Roseburn Park

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 18 November 2015

Present: Alette Willis, Peter Gregson, Hamish Ross, Val Forbes, Neil Gardiner, Jane Stevenson

Absent: James Gibson

1) Christmas Event

To be held on December 13th, from 7pm
James has last year's poster electronically, Val may also have it.
50 people came last year, we should expect 60 this year.
Lots of the decoration etc is in the blue box.
9 bottles of wine and 60 mince pies.

James and/or **Val** will print the posters by Friday the 20th

Jane will bring posters to the school and churches, the Scotmid and other local retail outlets

Hamish will put a poster on the noticeboard and make sure the Armoury has a table

Jane will bring 9 bottles of wine and 2 flasks

Val will bring her white bucket

Hamish will look for song sheets

2) Update on flood prevention, particularly landscaping plans

We have the Council's landscape plans from an email. We went over these in some detail. Questions we still have for John Neilson are:

- What's the budget for landscaping?
- Is there any opportunity to have some "old fashioned" trees in the planting such as oaks
- Will there be any attention given to the dangerous intersection at the bridge going to the arena

We would like to have the input of the cycling community on cycling through the park. There was a suggestion that we ask if we could have a table at the upcoming Council Consultation on Cycling to do this. We would also like to talk to James Ogilvie of the Riversdale Saughton Community Centre about whether he is going to be commenting on the plans in relation to Pansy walk and the Riversdale end of Roseburn Park.

Hamish will talk to Euan Renton at Spokes

3) Play Park Update

James Galloway from the City wants to meet with us to discuss the formation of a Roseburn Park Play Area Working Group aimed at collecting our thoughts on the form and location of a new play area. There is no City funding for a new play park. However, the hope is that once there is a plan, fundraising can start.

Neil, Jane, Peter and James will meet with the City staff person at 8.30 some weekday morning to talk about possibilities

4) Bank Mandate – new signatory

We amended the Unity Bank account mandate with Hamish Ross, Valerie Forbes and Pete Gregson as signatories. It was resolved that:

1. The amendments to the mandate for the operation of the bank account, payment instructions and banking services be approved and be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank's procedures and the Mandate;
2. The Bank is entitled to upon the amended Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it, and the Bank is entitled to rely on instructions given by any person named in Section 3 and may disclose any information relating to the account to any such person;
3. The Bank is under no duty to make enquiries before acting on the instruction of any person named in Section 3;
4. The Bank will be notified in writing of any changes to the organisation as per the terms and conditions of the Bank.

5) Policy on glyphosate

Alette let the committee know that glyphosates (Round-up) have been upgraded to "probable carcinogen" by the IARC. Alette, will ask the Council about its pesticide policy at the Friends meeting on the 25th.

6) Lease of Old Toilet Block

Five people have provided feedback on Facebook. Two expressed a desire for a café there. Three wanted it knocked down.

Hamish will tell the Council that if there were any takers for a cafe lease, this would be welcome. If there were no takers after an advertised period (e.g. 3 months?) then we would support removing it.

7) AOCB

Our Vision for Roseburn Park. Neil suggested we each say what we'd like to see for the park, so we went around in a round. Neil has taken detailed notes for this vision.

Neil will write up his notes on the vision process