

MINUTES

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

14th March, 2018

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

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

i) Bulb Planting – The daffodils were beginning to appear, however bulbs were being kicked up by hind legs of large dogs. Barbara had replanted bulbs where possible. There was also a lot of dog ‘poo’ in this area. There used to be a bin inside the Park but this was moved as part of the flood prevention works onto Roseburn Place. It was agreed that Val would approach Darren and see if it could be moved back as part of snagging. It was also agreed that there was a need for enforcement by Council Dog Warden(s).

AP: VF to contact DW re bin. PG to contact Ritchie Fraser re Dog Wardens.

ii) Defects of Drainage – Areas of the Park were wetter than before the works. Paul suggested this may be a result of using the wrong materials (boulder clay), as part of the reinstatement works. There should have been ‘as built’ drawings sent to Parks.

AP: PG to write to Councillors and copy in Darren about the issue; he will also raise it with the Community Council.

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

i) Lockable Bollard – The replacement bollard had not yet appeared.

AP: VF to contact DW

ii) Hedges – Would not be planted.

iii) Trees & Tree Plan – 18 trees plus one Monkey Puzzle had now been planted. Val suggested one of the trees at the Armoury may need to be replanted, as it was where any staging for an event was likely to be. As there had been no event using staging for at least 4 years, it was agreed to leave the planting as is and consider moving the tree in the autumn. Comments from Park users is very favourable about the trees. Thanks to be expressed to the Parks and Tree Officers for their efforts.

AP : BK to write to FU & RD

Regarding the conifers, Paul suggested that links could be made to St George’s School, as a commemoration and remembrance of Elsie Inglis and the nursing cops in WWI.

AP : PH to write to St George’s School

iv) Flood Walls and Coating – Pete reported he had written to Darren about use of anti-graffiti treatment, flowing the latest graffiti on one of the walls. As yet Pete had not received any response.

AP : PG to send reminder to DW and VF to phone DW about defects list

- v) Maintenance of Planters – Barbara reported that the issue of maintenance of planters and any flower beds needed to be addressed. These included the Stone Walled planter, the proposed flower bed at Roseburn Place entrance and the 3 planters from the cycle works to be sited at the Armoury. It was agreed that an advert be placed in the forthcoming newsletter seeking volunteers
AP : HR & BK to prepare advert.

4. Cycling Works

These were due to start on 19th March subject to weather conditions. Three planters would be included. It was unclear who would be responsible for planting up these and for future maintenance.

5. Improvement Plan Update :

- a) Café – Four building companies plus 2 others had been approached for prices. Apart from one, none had been forthcoming. After much discussion, it was agreed a decision would be made at the next meeting, if we are to proceed
AP : PG to further pursue with the architect.
- b) Tree Seat – There was much discussion on where this should be sited given it was almost finished and given the delays to the new Play Area. It was concluded that we should revert to the original site beside the Pavilion. Pete and Val agreed to meet on 18th March p.m. to measure out where.
AP : PG & VF to measure out.
- c) New Play Area – The tender for this was due back at the end of March with a start date in May and completion in mid-July.
- d) Event – Given the works to be carried out in the Park, it was agreed that an Event would be organised in late August/early Sept.

6. Painting over Graffiti

Paint had been included in the recently approved grant to Murrayfield Community Council. It was unclear whether the funding for the kit had been received by MCC.

AP : HR to check with Stephen Holland and to organise date for painting.

7. Edinburgh Rugby/Wanderers

Hamish reported that the proposed meeting kept being moved. It was not clear why Wanderers could not ground share with Edinburgh for use of the 'back greens'. Meantime Barbara had stumbled on a site meeting between Edinburgh Leisure, Parks, and rugby representatives on 14/03. Edinburgh Leisure and Parks were of the opinion that only one pitch would be provided on the western playing fields. A meeting was proposed with Friends representative and Councillor Frank Ross for later in March.

AP : HR to attend meeting.

8. 9 and 11 Corstorphine Road – new build

After discussion and a look at the drawings submitted, conclusion was that this was not a Park issue. However additional comments were passed to Kim.

9. Bank Account

Hamish reported that he had concluded that Bank of Scotland offered the best service. Additional details of all FoRP Trustees was provided at the meeting.

AP : HR to continue to progress the issue

10. Any Other Competent Business

i) Newsletter – Hamish was seeking articles for inclusion with a view to publishing it in early April. A proposed list of items was suggested and anyone submitting articles should include, where appropriate, picture.

AP : HR to circulate list.

ii) Collection Can – This was still with House of Hound.

11. Dates of Next Meetings

18th April and 30th May.