

Notes from Friends of Roseburn Park meeting 11th April 2013

1. Present

Don Wilkie – Chair
Jane Stevenson – Secretary
Jackie Szpera
Valerie Forbes
June Lodge

Apologies
Hamish Ross - Treasurer

1. Community Council Update

Members of the press had been in touch with Valerie regarding the crossing at Tesco's. Valerie had passed on the views of local residents; not the views of the friends. It was recommended when issues are discussed which are not to do with the park that it be made clear that opinions stated are not those of the Friends group.

Valerie asked that other members take a turn in attending the CC meetings.

2. Toilet block refurbishment

The consultation period has now ended. A letter has been received from a local resident in support of the refurbishment with a request that consideration be made for a café and also a gym in the park.

A letter was received on 20/3 from Thuso Selelo a Council Estates Surveyor. This outlined they were highly supportive of the project however part of the title falls under Common Good therefore it was felt the council would be unable to grant a lease. Don has written to Dougie Cruikshanks stating our views and asking for guidance on how to proceed. Copies of correspondence have also been sent, on request, to councillors Ross, Edie, Balfour.

3. Planted Island

This has been installed and planted. Everyone agreed they were very happy with this DW to e-mail WNP thanking them for their work.

4. Playpark

No further progress on this.

5. Artwork on the path

No further progress on this.

6. Edible hedge

Ivan Clark from SNH came to talk to the group and gave some useful points for consideration.

- The Water of Leith Trust would have to be consulted and may not be keen on what is essentially 'gardening' of a 'natural' habitat
- Edible species are less functional in creating a solid boundary; it may be best to include edible species elsewhere and focus on hawthorn, blackthorn for the hedge
- The stretch to the East of the park is in shade and it is unlikely that a hedge will grow here
- There may be funding available from SNH. Ivan to get back to us with details
- The ranger service should be able to advise on planting and safety considerations

7. AGM

Provisional date set for **18th June** at Saughton Recreation Hall. 7-9 pm.

8. Table tennis launch

Lyndsay Muir from the table tennis club attended and is keen to help with the launch event by inviting players and organising a mini tournament.

JS to ask PG to organise a treasure hunt on the day

VF to ask JRM for a gazebo in case of poor weather

DW to give out some of the bats and balls provided with the table to VF for local children

Provisional Date **Saturday 18th May**

9. Newsletter

VF suggested we do another newsletter. Jackie agreed to put something together.

10. Saughton Fun Day

It was agreed we should have a table at this event (**Sunday 16th June**). Jackie to look into a folder of the park history. Requests to be made for old photos via the website. DW to look into banners.

11. Roseburn Fun Day

VF hopes to be able to source stage, tents, bouncy castle and gazebos. It was agreed that those donating these should be invited to the first organising meeting. Tasks should be clearly allocated from the outset to ensure fairness.

AOCB

Kennedy's Well

Jackie has been researching the history of the well and has discovered the name may be linked to the manufacturers Genfeld and Kennedy. Ours may be the only example remaining in the area. Jackie intends to visit the city archives to investigate further.

DONM

Date of next meeting 9/5/13 7pm