MINUTES

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

2nd November 2016

1. Present: Board members: Pete Gregson, Barbara Knowles, Valerie Forbes, John Yellowlees, and Hamish Ross and volunteer Kim Rowse. Apologies, Neil Gardiner

2. Appointment of Office Bearers:

Val proposed that Pete should be Chair, with Barbara seconding the proposal. Pete duly elected Chair. Hamish agreed to continue as Treasurer and Barbara agreed to be Secretary. It was also raised that we need a Minutes Secretary and a Newsletter Editor to join the Board.

3. Matter arising September Meeting:

Further work was needed on the Improvement Plan with sub-groups to work up details as required. Kim, Val and Pete agreed to further work on the play park and other elements of the Improvement Plan outside of the toilet block.

Toilet Block proposals to be further developed by Hamish and Pete.

A Wanderers Sub group of Neil, Kim and Val + Ged O'Reilly to find out what the latest proposals are. Arising from Cycle Path meeting on 22 Sept, a consultation was issued and agreed a pilot of separating cyclists from pedestrians at the Toilet Block and Sports pavilion area.

4. Water of Leith FPS Phase 2 – Stakeholder Engagement Group Meeting:

Next meeting is on 24th November at 5.30 pm at Skating Rink. Val agreed to represent FORP. John would also be there as MCC rep. There are various issues that need to be raised such as where the bund(s) are sited and access for paths. Also issue about plants climbing the walls had not been resolved. There would be a 2 year defects period when nothing could be done, but after this, planting could be done.

It was agreed we needed native tree species to be planted as part of the landscaping.

A/P(s): Val & John to attend meeting on 24th

NB: John has now discovered he is unable to attend the meeting

Pete to circulate list of proposed tree species to Val, Barbara & anyone else who asks.

5. Improvement Plan:

Meeting of Neighbourhood Partnership on 26 Oct agreed funding of upto £1,000 for drawings to be commissioned for the toilet block, Planning Application and Building Warrant. The bid for detailed drawings funding from the Robertson Trust will be withdrawn, and at a future date, funding for trim trail and other improvements sought instead.

Other match funding bids would be needed.

6. Children's Play Park:

The results of Alette and Jane's work had been circulated and was welcomed. Some suggestions would be impractical, but it had clearly engaged with the children.

There may need to be a further consultation on its location. Pete would be attending the next meeting of the Parents Partnership Group at Roseburn PS and would check that parents supported siting it on the east side. This will help us if we are challenged in future by residents who might complain.

A/P: Pete

7. Grant Aid:

John gave us an update on Scotrail's Cultural and Arts Fund. They were open for bids by local communities with the next application date of 19th December. Grant aid could be upto £5,000 for say the Trim Trail. Application needed to link to Scotrail – i.e. Haymarket Depot and could include ideas on obesity.

A/P : Pete

Other Community Funds might be Cooperative Community Fund, Tesco and Year of Young People (2018). This might be used for the Toilet Block area.

8. Wanderers:

Likely that this issue will be raised at the next Culture Committee meeting in January(?). The subgroup need to do further work on this and to include Ged O'Reilly. Neil would seek to set up a meeting for Wednesday 9th November to include Phil Kennedy. Meeting would need to be at Neil's, as funds for sub-group meetings in Dove, are in short supply. Issue raised about flood lighting.

A/P: Neil as convenor of sub group

A/P: Pete to check date of next meeting of Culture and Sport Committee as we may need a delegation to speak at the meeting.

9. Newsletter:

A/P: Hamish and Pete to put together

10. Ice Rink Proposals:

Agreed that we needed a meeting with 2020 Ltd and Ric Finc to find out more details about the proposal.

A/P: Pete to organise a meeting

11. AOCB:

We amended the Unity Bank account mandate with Hamish Ross, Barbara Knowles and Pete Gregson as signatories. We confirmed that:

- Hamish Ross, Barbara Knowles and Pete Gregson will be authorised signatories on all accounts
- instructions and changes will be given in line with the mandate
- we are aware Unity Trust Bank may not make enquiries before acting on instructions given by any authorised signatory
- we will notify Unity Trust Bank of any changes to the organisation in writing"

12. DONM: 7th December