Notes from Friends of Roseburn Park meeting 24th May 2012

1. Present

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

Apologies

Hamish Ross – Treasurer Ian Shiels

2. Action Note from Previous meeting

Table Tennis Table.

No further progress as yet. DW to follow up

Toilet Block

We have letters of support from the landowner and WNP. We are awaiting letters from MCC, school and church. Jane to follow up with Hamish and school. Valerie to follow up with church. We may need to wait until their next meeting. If we can get letters from MCC and school in the meantime these would be sufficient.

Bins and Dog fouling.

New, larger signs have been erected which clearly highlight fine of up to £500 for dog fouling. A member raised the issue of overflowing bins. This is a common problem in good weather especially over holiday weekends. Group to suggest more frequent emptying over these periods.

Website

Some new photos are on the website. Jane to forward daffodil photo. It would be good to get more up to date items on the website. Group to forward information to Hamish for uploading

Summer event

Turnout at the Public meeting on 22nd May was reasonably good with approx. 18 attending. 3 new members joined.

A variety of possibilities were suggested and it was agreed to hold an event in September. Possible activities agreed were

Mobile art gallery, dog agility course, kite fighting, make your own kites, Clermiston drumming group, Craigmount Pipers, Book stall, Highland games.

A member had suggested that the local scout group might interested in fundraising opportunities at the event. It was suggested they might like to run the highland games in return for a proportion of the funds raised from this.

It was agreed that an organising group should be set up from interested parties with the support of committee. Jane will follow up on contacts for above activities with Councillor Edie.

Valerie suggested the new Tesco store may be willing to offer support such as raffle prizes and will make enquiries to them. Councillor Edie suggested we may be able to access grant funding from WNP.

3. Madonna concert 21st July

It was suggested at the public meeting that a presence from the friends group may help concert goers to appreciate and respect the park. It was agreed that a bake sale would help to achieve this and raise some funds for the summer event. Jane's daughter, Ruby has experience in organising these and may be able to drum up support. All committee members to get involved in baking and /or helping out on the day

4. Fence painting

4 boys from P6 at Roseburn spent 2.5 hours painting the rose garden fence as part of the JASS (Junior Award Scheme Scotland) with the help of Valerie and Jane. They did a lovely job and completed the top coat of the first section. They need to do 8 hours in total so further dates will be arranged.

5. AGM

Proposed date is Thursday 19th July. It was agreed that it was good to hold this in the park but last year was very cold. Committee will consider alternative venues. Jane to find out about using the DOVE café

The meeting should be advertised from the 1st of July. Jane suggested also advertising in local nurseries.

Date of Next Meeting 21st June 7.00 pm