

MINUTES

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

30th May, 2018

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

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

- i) Roseburn Place Entrance – handover imminent but unclear who handling defects from now on and there is a need to cut the grass.
AP : PG to write to DW
- ii) Litter – Water of Leith Clean up took place.
- iii) Bin at Roseburn Place – no progress.
- iv) Notice boards – 3 redundant boards had been removed.
- v) Gate at Roseburn Place – no progress.
- vi) Coping Stones – spare ones not been found.
- vii) Trees – no progress on planting at Riversdale entrance.
- viii) Stone Planter – no progress.
- ix) Dog Poo – no progress
- x) Benches/picnic tables – Bench at the play area had been repaired and refurbished but not yet re-sited. There was now a need for slabs for BBQ's beside the picnic tables as the grass was being scorched.
AP : BK to write to FU
- xi) Cycling Works - These had now been completed. The three planters had now appeared. Posters were to be put up indicating that comments were being requested about the cycling works and the impact of the changes. It was unclear when the period for commenting closed.

3. **Park maintenance, planting etc :**

- a) Graffiti – painting of this has now been completed. However there was now graffiti on the green box associated with the pumping station at Roseburn Place entrance.
- b) Flower Beds – designs were still awaited from Park Rangers.
AP – BK to write to FU and MJ
- c) Watering of Trees – a start would be made on this on coming Saturday. Advice had been that they should be watered every 2 or 3 days.
AP – BK to sort details
- d) TPO and FiT Park status – the TPO application had now been sent to Planning and Pete had written to David Jamieson about FiT.

4. **BBQ petition**

A request had come from Friends of Meadows to join this petition to Edinburgh Council. It related to Council Rules on designated parts of Parks for BBQ's. Following discussion on whether

we should have brick built BBQ's, it was decided we would not join the petition for now. But we would keep a watching brief of use of the Park for BBQ's.

5. TRO Response

There had been a revision to the layout at Roseburn Place entrance. It was decided that the revision now took into account the need for access for emergency vehicles and that the objection from FoRP could be withdrawn. However there is a need to slow down cyclists as some were speeding down the slope and unable to brake properly.

AP – BK to write and withdraw objection and also write to Cycling Officers about the problem of speeding cyclists.

6. Improvement Plan – update

a) Café – No third price from contractors had been received. The Architect needed to be paid. There followed a discussion on whether to proceed with the project and what action to take.

There were some ideas on use of the Grapevine magazine adverts and crowd funding

AP : KR to pursue further.

b) Tree Seat – Seat was now complete. P1 Contractors had sent an estimate to Ritchie Fraser.

AP : HR/KR to liaise between carver and contractors on requirements for fixing..

c) New Play Area – A lower tender had been received but works would not now start until late in August for completion in September/October. There may be shrub planting in front of the flood walls to prevent graffiti appearing. A beech hedge would be planted between the play area and the adjacent playing field.

d) Event – Date for the event was agreed for 2nd September at 2.p.m.

e) Trim Trail/Adult Gym – These would be similar to those in Inverleith Park. The base from the current play area would be retained. There is only one main supplier of equipment. Cross fit training could be asked to sponsor some of the costs.

AP : PG to contact James Galloway for designs and costs

7. Edinburgh Rugby/Wanderers

Councillor Ross had had another meeting with the Wanderers. There had also been an SRU meeting in mid-May. Edinburgh Rugby would be holding a public meeting about their proposed new stadium. After discussion, the view was that Edinburgh Rugby and Wanderers needed to work together and Councillor Douglas needed to be reminded that a meeting was needed. Planning consent could be issued towards the end of June.

8. Iain Shields

The cricket club wanted to fund a wooden bench in the Park. The Forestry Commission wanted to plant a memorial tree. The CC would be asking for donations.

9. Newsletter

Hamish reported that there would be an article about Iain Shields in our newsletter. Other items would include formation of a Taskforce and notice of our Event.

AP : HR to progress

10. Dates of Meetings 2018/19

2018 -25th July, 12th September, 24th October, 5th December

2019 – 16th January, 27th February, 3rd April, 22nd May