

MINUTES

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

25th July, 2018

1. **Present:** Board members: Val Forbes, Pete Gregson, Paul Harding, Barbara Knowles, Hamish Ross, Kim Rowse and John Yellowlees.
2. **Matters arising from May Meeting :**
 - i) Roseburn Place Entrance – grass had been cut although the area next to 32 was still not accessible for grass cutting. No progress on getting a gate.
 - ii) Bin at Roseburn Place – still no progress.
 - iii) Gate at Roseburn Place – still no progress.
 - iv) Coping Stones – Val to ask Darren and phone David Sinclair on progress with these.
 - v) Trees – planting at Riversdale entrance still missing. Perhaps an issue to be taken up by the Community Council
 - vi) Stone Planter – still no progress.
 - vii) Cycling Works - These had now been completed. Analysis of the comments had not yet been published.
AP : PG to contact Martin Lings for details from the analysis
 - viii) Newsletter – this had now been published
 - ix) Saughton Open Day – about 20 people had visited the stand.
 - x) Street Lighting – unclear when works for renewal of lighting would take place
3. **Park maintenance, planting etc :**
 - a) Graffiti – Hamish and Pete had removed graffiti on the control box at Roseburn Place entrance.
 - b) Flower Beds – a planting list had been received and circulated. Barbara had collated suggestions. Planting not now likely until Spring 2019 in the Stone Planter.
 - c) Watering of Trees – these had been watered as and when necessary by the Taskforce.
 - d) TPO and FiT Park status – there was no progress on the TPO application. A reply from David Jamieson about FiT had asked whether local councillors and the Community Council were in favour. It was agreed that PG would raise this with MCC.
4. **Improvement Plan**
 - a) Proposed Café – a request had been received by someone willing to take over the building with a view to refurbishing it. It was agreed that Pete should meet with him and explain the situation
AP : PG to meet with him and explore further.
 - b) Tree Seat – Kim reported on progress and that it was now complete and awaiting installation. PG raised the issue that a plaque would be needed to express thanks for funding.
AP : PG to progress wording and purchasing a plaque.

c) New Play Area – Work would start on this on 27th August and be completed by 18th October. A beech hedge would be planted to separate the area from the adjoining playing field. Friends had been asked to help with planting. Barbara indicated that the Taskforce could be involved.
AP: PG to continue to liaise with James Galloway

d) Old Play Area – Objections had been raised with James Galloway to the Play Area being moved and the area used as an Adult Gym. It was unclear what the nature of the objections were.
AP : PG to go back to James Galloway and find out what the objection was and if necessary contact the objectors.

5. Wanderers

Councillor Ross had corresponded with the MCC and indicated that Edinburgh Leisure had not received any application so far for use of pitches on the west side of the Park.

AP : HR & PG to continue to monitor the situation.

6. Funday : 2nd September

Jane Stevenson had agreed to help with the Games. The target is to raise between £400 to £500. There was much discussion on whether we should have a ‘bouncy castle’. It was hard work for the volunteers, parents and attendees. It was agreed that a meeting to discuss details would be needed. Meeting scheduled for 16th August in the Lounge Bar, Roseburn Bar at 7.30 p.m.

7. Accounts

Hamish reported on these and suggested that in future we may need to have scrutineers. There were outstanding payments needed to the architect for work on the proposed café.

8. General Correspondence

Barbara reported that a Quality Assessment had been done for the Park and that there were issues arising. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Board Meeting in October.

9. Future Office Bearers

A new Treasurer , Minutes Secretary and Webmaster would be needed. Volunteers would be asked for at the AGM on 12th September

10. Dates of Meetings 2018/19

2018 -12th September (AGM), 24th October, 5th December

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