

Notes from Friends of Roseburn Park meeting 17th January 2013

1. Present

Don Wilkie – Chair
Hamish Ross - Treasurer
Jane Stevenson – Secretary
Jackie Szpera
Valerie Forbes
June Lodge

1. Report on Feasibility Study (toilet block / shelter)

Craig Proudfoot (onefootsquare) delivered copies of the feasibility study and explained key areas. RIAS have requested the inclusion of demolition and rebuild costs. Demolition is included in the current study and it was noted that this would involve significant work and costs. It was felt that a text explanation would suffice in place of detailed rebuild plans as the nature and function of the building as refurbished meets the current needs; any new space or form has no requirement. There is potential for developing the pavilion in future which could meet any additional needs which arise therefore a rebuild of the toilet block is not justified.

Committee agreed to send comments to Don within 2 weeks.

One copy of the completed study is to be lodged in Balgreen library and a copy to be placed on the website.

2. Fun day funds

It was agreed that £250 be set aside for supporting the next fun day. The committee will endeavour to raise funds to cover this possibly from Co-operative Community Fund. Fun day subgroup should submit a proposal of how the budget would be spent. It was noted that spending should be what we are prepared to write off as poor weather may mean running at a loss. Spending on banners and high viz vests which would be used again would be out with the £250.

3. Table tennis and chess

The application to Awards for All has been approved and the tables could be delivered and installed by Concrete Sports on 14th March. Green for the table tennis table was unanimously chosen over grey, other colours being more costly and less durable. June and Valerie agreed to open the park gate.

Don will liaise with Lindsay Muir regarding an opening event.

4. Planted island on tarmac area

Finance has been secured for this and the area marked out with a view to building in February. This will be a tiered, raised structure. Suggestions for plants were sent by Dougie Cruikshank. There was some concern that the plants were not native with DW favouring heather. Thistles were also suggested.

5. Playpark

The revised option for the flood wall favoured by the friends will create a much larger area for the playpark. The committee are keen to develop this, perhaps with some landscaping to create slopes which could easily be done while the diggers are present. There would also be space to add features for climbing etc. such as logs which ties in with the council's commitment to introduce more natural play and controlled risk in play through risk-benefit analysis. Jim Galloway is to contact JS to discuss playpark plans. The council have £50,000 earmarked for this. Friends could apply for Big Lottery funding to match this.

DW suggested getting funding from the Arts section of the Big Lottery to create a mosaic on part of the wall which would enhance its appearance and interest for users. This would ideally be done through workshops with Roseburn Primary School.

6. Artwork on the path

Sustrans have approached the council for suggested areas to introduce artwork "tarmac markings/thermoplastics/paint/artforms/poetry that works to the benefit of path users where there are particular issues, e.g. conflict between cyclists and pedestrians" It was suggested that the path through the park would be suitable, again developed with the school. The committee felt this was interesting but were unsure what it might look like. DW to ask for some examples of what they have in mind.

7. Update from Community Council meeting.

Jeremy Balfour provided a progress update on some of the friend's projects.

It was reported that SRU plan to extend entertainment for visiting fans as far as Haymarket. This is likely to include the park. There were concerns raised over noise levels e.g. drumming outside residences.

8. Edible hedge

JS will circulate planting findings and discuss at the next meeting

9. AOCB

Bulbs. Those not planted were returned as going soft

Date of next meeting 28/2/13 7pm