

**Friends of Roseburn Park
Minutes of 13 January 2016 Meeting**

Present: Peter, Jane, Alette, Neil, Val

Apologies: Hamish, James

Approval of minutes and matters arising

Carol singing evening: we had 32 people attend, less than last year, but more mulled wine and mince pies were consumed. Some feedback that it would be better earlier in the day next year, 6.30 was suggested. As a result of this event, we did connect with Donaldson's Community Association.

Report from Friends of Parks meeting at City Chambers 25.11.15

Neil attended, Alette was ill and unable to attend. Neil brought up the question of glyphosates being labeled as probable carcinogens by IARC, the City said it was looking into this. Since that time, the City has committed to phasing them out. Tesco has committed the next four years of its carrier bag fund to public spaces. We should apply for funds for the playpark, when we have the opportunity to use them, or find out how long we could keep them before using them. myparkscotland.com. Neil talked to David Jamieson, head of parks, about whether there are any community benefits for FoRP when Murrayfield Stadium hosts commercial events.

Armoury asbestos issues

The asbestos has been polythene sealed. As far as we know only one side of the Armoury has been affected, the side that FoRP and Roseburn PS use for storage. Some discussion of getting Roseburn PS PTA and other parents involved in raising money to get the asbestos removed.

Update on flood prevention works

This meeting was held on the same day as the Flood Prevention Scheme Open House, so we were able to attend and get information from those involved. Darren Wraight has taken over as project manager at the City, he is known to some of us as the former head of roads for the area. Eleana Caldwell is the PR Liaison for McLaughlin and Harvey Ltd. February 4th they expect to have their Site Compound open at Balgreen. Someone will be on site to answer questions from this point on. DW expressed the intention to involve FoRP before each stage of the flood prevention works for our feedback. The next major activity will be tree-felling to commence in the middle of February. We are keen to keep some parts of these trees to form natural play

Minutes approved

Alette to put a link to the glyphosate-an article on web-page and fb.

Alette to look into myparkscotland.com fundraising app

Neil will talk to David Jamieson again about Murrayfield Stadium community benefits.

Jane will email Ian to find out what is happening to our stuff, particularly the banner, and will offer to help get things sorted out.

Val will be attending the Stakeholder Meeting on January 27th.

Jane will draft something written about keeping tree parts. **Pete** will phone and talk to Darren Wraight about this.

Pete will talk to Darren about organising a walkaround to see which trees are coming down

elements for the playpark and possibly for Roseburn PS (if not these trees, then perhaps other trees from the Inverleith depot). **Ideas:** Instead of textured concrete, art and/or mosaics. Roseburn PS to do artwork on hoardings.

Play Park update

James Galloway will send us A2s of the plan. We are hoping to have 45,000 ring-fenced from NEPS for our new playpark. We are looking to get McLaughlin & Harvey Ltd to help us with the playpark as part of their community benefits (15000 worth). We can do the public consultation, this will raise the profile of FoRP.

Ideas: Hedging to separate playpark from the rest of the park. knock down toilet block and use foundation to create an open but roofed ancillary pavillion. Pipe through the mound. We want both sections of the playpark to have organic edges (i.e. not squares).

Roseburn Park vision

We are refining our vision, we will take feedback on the vision through Fb. We will not be ready to present this in March, but will be ready by the April MCC mtg. Meanwhile we will keep track of ideas. We want to exploit synergies between what we are doing and the floodworks. One of the first steps would be to establish zones. For this it would be useful to have a map of the areas already dedicated to sports. **Networking:** as part of our visioning, it would be useful to make contact with other organisations who are also responsible for greenspaces nearby such as Water of Leith Trust, Saughton Rec, Balgreen Community Garden.

Old Toilet Block

AOB

Future meetings. Besides the regular meetings, we need to have an evening just on visioning and an evening just on the playpark.

before they do, 8.15 on a Wednesday. **Alette** and **Jane** will attend (**Neil** if available).

Jane will email **Hamish** about the public art person.

Pete going to NEPS mtg on January 28th.

Pete will lead on the community consultation.

Jane will lead on consulting children through Roseburn P.S. **Alette** will assist.

Pete will ask DW when that corner would be free to start developing playpark.

Val will let them know.

Pete will ask James Galloway for an A2 map of the sports fields in our park.

Hamish to feedback what City is doing about toilet block.