

FoRP Board of Trustees Meeting

20 August 2015

Present: Pete Gregson, Jane Stevenson, Hamish Ross

1. Minutes of previous meeting

- Minutes of previous meeting were not discussed.

2. Committee Membership

- Darren Donaldson's resignation was noted and the Board thanked him for his contribution. His excellent work on social media was highlighted and this might be difficult to emulate.
- It was agreed that we should approach prospective committee members with specific areas of expertise in mind, rather than presenting membership as a matter largely of attending meetings. In particular, there is a need for people who can: manage our social media stream; make grant applications; manage park infrastructure projects.
- We perhaps have enough expertise in relation to park advocacy and event management, though we need more energy so more people also needed for this.

3. Cake Competition and Tea and Cake in the Park

- Assuming there was no change, set-up would be from 12.30 on Sunday 30 August. Registration and £1 entry fee would be on a list, with the cake labelled by number and age-category only.
- The event would begin with a People's Choice Award for visual appearance/theme to allow time for 10 minutes of cake inspection and for the judges to get a head start. Then we would sell tea, coffee, juice and slices of cake etc. One person would be 'front of house' (Pete). Games would be self-organising but we might bring some material.
- Prizes: we have left over a bottle of port, and bowling tickets (subject to confirmation with Val). If we could get another prize (e.g. skating tickets), the over-12 winner would get that or the port depending on age. And the U12 winner would get bowling.
- Actions:
 - Pete: speak to Nick and Brendan about judging; things for children to do like balls, bats, etc, music and player, garden chairs, signs (50p per slice of cake and 50p for coffee/tea etc), registration sheet for cake entry, electrical extension lead, number cards to identify cakes, paper, pens, notebooks.
 - Hamish: speak to Jim re: availability, gazebos, van etc.; and to Ian Shields; banner, biscuits, plates, cups, napkins, cling film, forks, knives, juice, milk, tea, coffee, float, first aid, banner (text: Play games and eat cake. Cake Competition and Sale), 6 quality rosettes, bunting. Some stuff about the toilet block and flooding to display.
 - Jane: speak to Ruby & co. about possibly helping; school for parent mail, borrowing tables & urn (we agreed we might buy an urn if we can't borrow one, depending on cost, since it could end up in the toilet block one day); whiteboard for displaying information about flood/toilet block; jugs; electrical lead extension;

- Table cloths? Do we have any in the armoury?

4. Toilet block proposals

- Our reply re Heads of Lease had gone to the Council but there was no reply yet. Craig Proudfoot had come back with various proposals.
- Hamish would ask Jim about progress re: solicitors/surveyors. Jane would see if there was an easy way of pre-discussing the situation with the most likely funders.
- It was thought that we might spend money on Craig Proudfoot to coordinate funding bids, and on solicitors/surveyors, up to a total of £1000. However this should be discussed at the AGM and Hamish would ask Craig if he could attend.

5. AOCB and Date of Next meeting

- There was no AOCB. Next meeting was 7pm before the AGM on 10 September, Dove Café.