

MINUTES

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK BOARD MEETING

13th December, 2017

1. **Present:** Board members: Pete Gregson, Barbara Knowles, Hamish Ross, Kim Rowse, and volunteer Paul Harding.

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

i) Graffiti – Paul reported that the Cleansing team had cleaned off the graffiti on one of the flood walls on his property.

The application by the Community Council for funding for a graffiti removal kit would be on the Agenda of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership meeting due in early 2018.

ii) Signage – Barbara and Pete had been in contact with Martin Lings about signage for Quiet Route 8. Martin had agreed that FoRP would be consulted once the designer had decided where new signs were to be located. Both Martin and Fiona Underhill had agreed that there needed to be a rationalisation of signs to avoid clutter.

3. **Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme :**

i) Lockable Bollard – there used to be a bollard in the centre of the path at Roseburn Place to prevent cars being driven into the Park. This needed to be replaced.

AP : BK to contact DW and FU to seek a replacement.

ii) Trees – the tree beside the pumping station needed to be cut down due to fungal infection of its roots. What has been suggested is that it could be retained as a stump if the overhanging branches on the WoL were cut and part of its top removed. Alternative was to use the timber as another tree bench. It was agreed that the tree should become a stump.

AP : BK to write to RD

iii) Monkey Puzzle – Kim suggested that she had an alternative specimen and that we could have two trees.

AP : BK to write to RD about the offer.

iv) Trees at Riversdale – Pete raised the issue about whether 4 trees would be planted in the spaces left in the pavement.

AP : BK to write to DW, FU and RD about the issue.

v) Central Planter – Board agreed to retain this and ask that it be replanted.

AP : BK to write to FU.

4. Improvement Plan Update :

- a) Café – A tender for £64K + VAT had been received. Kim and Paul offered further advice on how the job might be organised and other companies that might be asked to tender. Funding bodies usually need at least 2 or 3 tenders.

AP : PG to further pursue plus KR and PH

An alternative suggestion might be for Mike to undertake the work as a Project Manager and then seek individual trades, as necessary. This could reduce the costs.

AP : PG to ask Mike to consider this as an option.

- b) Tree Bench – The tree carver was working on the job.

- c) New Play Area – There appeared to be some slippage in this project. Start date had been put back to March. Once this is completed an event in the Park could be organised.

- d) Event in the Park – This was now expected to take place in May 2018.

5. Bulb Planting

Barbara reported that after a reekie, neither planting at the ice rink end nor on the central bund was feasible. The ground conditions were not soft enough. So planting would be at the Roseburn Place entrance. Notification of planting had been placed on FoRP's website and on Facebook. Pete, Paul and Hamish would help with Kim in the afternoon.

6. Wanderers

Hamish reported that nothing further to report and nothing seemed urgent. No one seems to want to take up offer of a meeting to get an update on any proposals. An explanation had been received from David Jamieson about the process for leasing land.

AP : HR to remain temporary contact point

7. Any Other Competent Business

Hamish reported that FoRP may need to move banks as Unity Bank would now be charging charities for their accounts. Alternatives suggested were RBS, Virgin Money or any other that Hamish deemed appropriate.

AP : HR to pursue.

8. Dates of Next Meetings

17th January, 14th March, 18th April and 30th May.