

Friends of Roseburn Park AGM 2022 Agenda

25th October 2023 7.30pm- by Zoom

1. Attendance & apologies
2. Minutes of last year's AGM
3. Chairperson- Report on last year's activities (to be sent separately)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Committee

Friends of Roseburn Park Annual General Meeting 2022

Minutes - 12th October, 2022

Present: John Yellowlees, Jim McDonaugh, Pete Gregson, Alex Dickson, Rosemary Kerr, Mike Dawson, Penny McCallum, Barbara Knowles, Frank Ross, Roy Beavis, Rebecca Eccles, Kim Rowse, Alan Beal, Euan Davidson, Paul Harding and Ann Laing

Apologies : Iain Martin, Phil Yelland, Jamie Drysdale, Jock Miller, Angus Robertson MSP, Christine Jardine MP, Phelim Plant-O'Toole

1. Welcome –Jim McDonaugh as Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes of previous AGM held on 27th October, 2021 were proposed for approval by Paul Harding and seconded by Kim Rowse. Jim McDonaugh indicated that there had been no changes during the year to the Trustees and Committee Members remained the same.
3. The Chairperson gave a report on last year's activities:
 - Following the extensive ground works in 2021 to the west playing fields, there was a huge improvement to the playing surface. Both Murrayfield DAFS cricket club and Murrayfield Wanderers had returned to a full season of competitive matches. In addition Murrayfield DAFS had established a ladies' team. The cricket club regularly attracts 100 young players (U12's both boys and girls) as part of their youth development programme. The rugby club uses the Park 6 days a week for training for all ages with competitive matches on Saturdays and Sundays.
 - Roseburn Primary School continue to use the Park for 7-aside football on Saturday mornings.
 - The highlight of the year was the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the Park. The celebrations paid homage to the 1953 Coronation Party in the Park, with a fancy dress competition, open to young and old alike. Feedback from the event suggested that the event was a huge success. The Chair thanked all who had helped with the organisation of the event and those who assisted on the day. Also the local traders from Roseburn were thanked for their generous support in providing an amazing set of prizes for the Raffle and to Murrayfield Community Council and Edinburgh City Council for funding support.
 - The conversion of the toilet block to a café project continued apace. Work on site started in May 2022. Thanks were recorded to Paul Harding for advice and knowledge concerning the conversion. Discussions were currently ongoing with a potential operator of the cafe. Thanks also to Pete Gregson for establishing a photo record on Friends own website of the conversion project.
 - Planting of cherry trees as part of the Sakura project took place in December 2021. A photographic record has been created by Roy Beavis. All trees have survived.
 - Further tree planting had been undertaken in the Park as part of the 'Million Tree City'. Unfortunately 4 trees had to be felled due to Ash Dieback. A 'memorial' tree has also been planted.
 - A new memorial bench was installed beside the table tennis table.

- The Taskforce of volunteers was thanked for their work on maintaining trees and planters, and for planting extra bulbs.
- The Chairperson thanked the efforts of the Management Committee Members.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported on the financial year ending 30 June 2022. Friends were delighted to receive the grant award from Edinburgh City Council of £68,500 towards the refurbishment of the old toilet block. We started the year with £15,394.27 in the bank, of which all but £1,644.48 was restricted. At year's end we had £57,085.40 of which all but £1,803.47 was restricted. First payment to the contractor was made of £24,554.90. Two further payments to the contractor were expected in the next set of Accounts of £24,554.90 and £4284.00. The Platinum Jubilee celebration enabled us to resume fundraising. Roy Beavis proposed, seconded by Mike Dawson, the adoption of the accounts.

5. Election of Board

Paul Harding took the chair temporarily. All current Trustees and Committee Members have indicated their willingness to stand again. Current Trustees were Pete Gregson, Jim McDonough, Barbara Knowles, Iain Martin, Frank Ross and John Yellowlees. Mike Dawson, seconded by Kim Rowse, proposed that all current Trustees and Committee Members be re-elected. Trustees would be elected for another year and Office Bearers would be appointed at the next Committee meeting. Jim McDonough resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6. AOCB

- Rosemary Kerr asked if any new activities were going to be proposed in the Park. She was keen that activities for walkers should be provided. Also that there was a need for people new to cycling should be encouraged to learn how to cycle. This would be a great addition to activities in the Park. Jim McDonough indicated that Friends were keen to see active use of the Park.
- Mike Dawson raised the issue about cyclists in the Park. That cyclists should be using their bells, especially if approaching people from behind. Alan Beal asked for an update on the situation at the pinch point. Pete Gregson gave a brief resume of various solutions that hadn't worked in the past. There was a suggestion to use 'A' signs on the cycling route together with a campaign to encourage cyclists to ride on the north side of the path. Both Alan Beal and Euan Davidson, as Councillors, were invited to the next Friends Committee meeting to hear a fuller account of the issue.

7. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Friends of Roseburn Park Annual General Meeting 2023 Chair's Report

Dear Members

Yet another year has come and gone with us all able to enjoy a fantastic year of park life.

During the past 12 months, FoRP's Board of Trustees, and its management committee, ran a full schedule of meetings. Whilst most of these meetings were held online, we did manage to convene one meeting, in person, in the park, under the evening sun. I hope this is something that we can repeat next spring.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has attended these meetings and contributed to the agenda and the successful outcomes over this last year.

Our membership remains at healthy levels (317) and our financial position continues to be strong. Iain Martin regrettably resigned as a Trustee of FoRP due to personal reasons. I would like to thank Ian for his contribution over the years and wish him, and his family, all the very best for the future.

We were pleased to have Helen Andrews join the Management Committee. Helens brings a wealth of experience and we very much welcome her as part of the team.

The Management Committee is near to full strength, but we are conscious of the need to manage succession. That means we always welcome help from any quarters both to carry our essential management functions and to strengthen our areas of expertise.

Park Activity

Following an extensive programme of refurbishment, we were delighted to see the Rosebean Café open its doors for business in September. Our thanks go out to all the organisations and individuals who contributed to this considerable success. It was a great pleasure to be able to celebrate with many of the donors and contributors at our Completion Event in July. With burger's and free bucks fizz on offer, Andrew Sharpe majorette, bouncy castle, jubilee plaque unveiling, stalls and raffle together with chance to examine the building a great time was had by all 500circa attendees. Thank you to former Provost Frank Ross and Cristine Jardine MP for unveiling the Jubilee Plaque and to Cllr Euan Davidson for cutting the ribbon on the café which marked the handover of the completed building from FoRP to the new café proprietors.

Having signed a 25 year lease with City of Edinburgh Council, FoRP has signed a 3 year sublease with DH Coffee Ltd who will run and operate the business, in addition to their other café, The Dower House, in St Margaret's Park, Corstorphine. The Rosebean has seen a very healthy level of patronage in its opening month and has received many outstanding reviews. The Café will not only form an important part of the fabric of the park but will play a vital part in drawing visitors into the park. We look forward to working closely with the proprietors and staff in the years ahead.

Organised sport in the park continues to go from strength to strength with the cricket club and rugby club enjoying busy summer and winter fixture schedules.

For Murrayfield Dafs Cricket Club it was a record-breaking year in terms of the number of games played at all levels and the number of participants The club fielded five senior weekend teams for the first time ever. In addition to senior men's cricket, it was great to see so many 5-18 year old boys and girls training and playing junior cricket. The club also fielded a women's team and look forward to further growing this group next year.

Murrayfield Wanderers rugby club continue to deliver a full winter & spring programme of training and competitive matches. The rugby club uses the park 6 days per week and runs training sessions for boys & girls aged 5yrs to 18yrs on week day afternoons & evenings and competitive adult & youth matches on Saturdays & Sundays. The club fields u12, u14, u16 and u18 boys' and girls' teams in addition to its senior men's XV. And for men and women, over 50, non-contact walking rugby is available to all members of the community every Friday afternoon at 2:45pm.

In addition to cricket and rugby, P1-P7's from Roseburn Primary School regularly play 7-aside football in the park on Saturday mornings.

I am certain that the many players, parents and spectators from these organised sports groups will welcome the opening of the café and toilet facilities.

Over and above structured sport and events, the park hosts a variety of boot camps, keep fit groups, dog walkers, strollers and cyclists following the Water of Leith trail as well as those just ambling through. It is for all park users and visitors that FoRP exists. They are our key stakeholders and it is their needs that drive our agenda and objectives.

Upkeep & Maintenance

The role of Barbara Knowles and our volunteer maintenance teams cannot be overstated. It is not just a matter of making the park looking spic and span and addressing small scale needs but is also one of contributing strongly to its sustainability over the long term. Gratifyingly, participation in our working party sessions has increased over recent months however, we are always looking for additional volunteers during the bulb planting, weeding and tree watering seasons. These sessions not only help deal with immediate needs but carry out work under a longer term programme of

work drawn up with CEC. I encourage all members to get involved. Any member wanting to join the task force please let us know or get in touch by email –secretary@friendsofroseburnpark.org.uk

Finance

As evidenced by our treasurer's Report on Accounts, FoRP's finances are in good shape. This is entirely due to the generosity of our donors. These include:

- Grant from Evelyn Drysdale Foundation
- Proceeds and donations from the Café Completion Event
- Gift Aid from HMRC
- Private donations

My sincere thanks to each of the organisations and individuals who have supported FoRP during the year. Without your generous contributions none of our work in the park would be possible.

The Next 12 months

Through various means during 2022/23, The Trustees and management committee have sought to engage across a range of initiatives and ideas which will impact the park and its visitors. Specifically, FoRP undertook a public consultation on future improvements for the park. The survey was available on paper and online at www.tinyurl.com/roseburnparksurvey from 9th June 2023; it closed on 13th August 2023.

In hard copy 3,000 fliers were distributed door-to-door in the local area, and in schoolbags home for children at Roseburn Primary School. It was promoted electronically through Friends of Roseburn Park's Facebook page and website. The survey was also promoted through a mailshot to FoRP's 317 members- and to the 500 people who attended the café conversion launch event on 3rd July. The school used completion of the survey as a classroom activity for P6 and P7 pupils (28 were completed online and 21 were paper forms).

There were 238 respondents (a good increase from our 2016 survey that drew 141 replies), broken down as follows:

I am an adult	189	79%
I am under 18	49	21%

43 of the responses were on paper (18%); the remaining 82% were submitted online through a Google Form.

The percentage responses identifying with various kinds of park user were as follows: (note that each category was not exclusive- many pedestrians also cycled, walked the dog, etc)

Dog Walker	59	25%
Cyclist	89	37%
Pedestrian	197	83%
Jogger/Keep-fit	59	25%
Commuter	22	9%
Play team sport	24	10%
Playground user	49	21%
Other	9	4%

Rating of main ideas:

Respondents were asked to rate each idea with one of the following: Love It, Like It, Don't Mind It, Have Doubts, Dislike It. The table below combines Love It, Like It and Don't mind it replies. It is in descending order of popularity.

Total responses 238 This is percentage who “Love it, Like it, Don't mind it”

Public shelter with seating near the café	95%	226	1st
Measures to reduce cycle-pedestrian conflict in the park, esp by cafe	93%	221	2nd equal
Bike stands for cyclists visiting new cafe	93%	221	2nd equal
Refurbished drinking fountain	92%	218	4th
More carved log benches	90%	214	5th
See-Saw	88%	210	6th
Trim trail stations (such as wooden monkey bars or stepping logs)	88%	209	7th
Planted tubs with communal herbs you can use	87%	207	8th
Commemorative garden for Ian McClure (instigator of Water of Leith Walkway)	86%	205	9th
Reflection garden by old play park	84%	200	10th
Petanque court (French game of boules)	82%	195	11th equal
Carved totem pole using dead tree behind Armoury	82%	195	11th equal
Outdoor gym stations (such as fixed bikes or cross-trainers)	82%	194	13th
Walking track along south boundary of park linking ice rink to new play park	80%	191	14th
Teen area at ice rink end of the park (eg shelter, basketball net/goal end)	78%	185	15th
Large boulder for kids to play on	77%	184	16th
New footbridge across the river at café linking to Corstorphine Road	74%	175	17th

Many thanks to FoRP Trustee, Pete Gregson, who produced, circulated and managed the survey and collated the results.

FoRP Trustees will now undertake a detailed feasibility study on each of the top 5 rated initiatives and look to implement as many of the above ideas as practically possible.

I look forward to working with the Trustees, management committee and our volunteers to deliver on the various projects we undertake and the needs of our members and visitors.

Jim McDonough - Chair, Friends of Roseburn Park

FRIENDS OF ROSEBURN PARK (SCIO)
 Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation: SC044659
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Receipts and Payments Year to 30 June 2023

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	2021/22
Receipts					
Unrestricted donations	1	233.41	-	233.41	755.00
Donations (restricted)	2	-	228.08	228.08	1500.00
Fundraising		-	-	0.00	1385.00
Grants	3	500.00	-	500.00	68500.00
Trading Receipts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments					
Fundraising expenses		45.00	52.24	97.24	1180.65
Charitable Purpose Payments	4	-	55338.00	55338.00	28640.95
Annual Public Liability Insurance Cover	5	99.31	0.00	99.31	99.31
Bank Charges		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expenses	6	487.97	0.00	487.97	501.60
Cash surplus/(deficit) to End of Year		101.13	(55162.16)	(55061.03)	41691.13

Statement of Balances at 30 June 2023

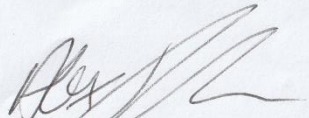
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Cash Balance					
Cash and Bank Balances at Start of Year		1803.47	55281.93	57085.40	15394.27
Surplus/(Deficit) Shown by Receipts and Payments		101.13	(55162.16)	(55061.03)	41691.13
Transfers between funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		1904.60	119.77	2024.37	57085.40
Other Assets					
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00	728.08
Liabilities					
		0.00	0.00	0.00	(53722.89)
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Working Balance	7	1904.60	119.77	2024.37	4090.59

Notes – see over

Signed:



John Yellowlees (Treasurer)



Alex Dickson (Independent Examiner)

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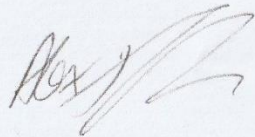
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Notes to Receipts and Payments and Statement of Balances for financial year ending 30 June 2020:

1. Unrestricted donations include £155 from the Ormidale Terrace Coronation Party and £60 from Murrayfield Drive Platinum Jubilee Party
2. Restricted donation was for Gift Aid claim from HMRC arising from donations towards Café conversion
3. Grant from Murrayfield Community Council for Platinum Jubilee Party
4. Payments to All Aspects Building & Construction for toilet block conversion, with £250 to Project Manager
5. Public Liability insurance policy with Zurich Insurance.
6. Other expenses were mostly for the FoRP park maintenance team
7. The grant from Evelyn Drysdale Foundation this year was delayed; the notice of award was made in July 2023, too late to feature in this financial year
8. There is a contingent liability of £1000 that may occur depending on the outcome of the completion of snagging actions by the original contractor at some point in the future.

No remuneration or expenses were paid to any of the Charity Trustees during the period.

Signed:



John Yellowlees (Treasurer)

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