



West Park Friends Group

Notes of meeting held on 4 November 2010 at West Park Leisure Centre.

Present: Park users, local residents and representatives of EBC and other organisations.

1 Introductions

E Davis took the chair. He welcomed the 12 members present.

Apologies were received from D Bramwell, R Windsor, J Gardner, C Howitt.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 8 September were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

4 Outdoor Gym

It was reported that the final bid had been submitted, and that the indications were that it had a high chance of success. The meeting gave its thanks to Sheila Davis for her hard work and perseverance in preparing the bid.

It was stated that it was necessary to add a rule, governing winding-up of the group, to the Constitution, in order to meet the requirements of the lottery fund. This would be done at the next meeting. A discussion on how to dispose of any funds was not fruitful, and this would be decided at that meeting.

5 In bloom steering group

Tony Walker explained the relationship between the group and the FOWP, and the aims of the steering group.

6 Publicity Officer

SD stated that the group needed more (some) publicity if it was to survive. Nigel Kirkham agreed to take on the role. TW agreed to send list of contact addresses to NK.

7 Group budget

JC stated that he felt that a budget for the group, funded by EBC, would alleviate some of the frustrations felt by members. It was agreed that JC would propose a specific sum at the next meeting.

8 Splashpad

TW outlined the current position of the splashpad given that the original funding had been withdrawn. He said that the money had been re-allocated to Derbyshire CC, but was still possibly accessible to the group, but not EBC. It was agreed to form a sub-group consisting of TW, MT and N B-L, who would pursue money via the DCC playbuilder fund. TW would lead the group, and any bid would be made in the name of FOWP. Members agreed to lobby their local county councilors.

9 Update on ongoing issues

- a) Three benches were to be put back next week.
- b) No reply had been received from DB to a memo re the cafe tower.
- c) Tender bids were awaited for the skate park.
- d) Some of the mosaics have been vandalised. SA said that there would be a meeting with LEHS re the planting of shrubs. It was said that a spiral of planting, centred on the clock, would be planted in the next 12 months.
- e) AW is pursuing the funding for a new notice board. It was pointed out that there was a metal notice board, ex the town centre, in the park compound. TW agreed to ask DB about its' availability for park use. It was stated that DB was considering replacing the metal signs at park entrances because they were out of date. The erection of a multi-club sign at the main entrance to the park was discussed. JC agreed to collect club information.
- f) A silver award was gained in the Midlands in Bloom competition.
- g) An opening ceremony for the solar clock was discussed. Alan Heath was suggested as a possible person to perform the ceremony.

10 AGM

It was stated that the next meeting would incorporate the AGM.

11 AOB

- a) David Dooley of Sawley and West Park CC gave presentation on a scheme aimed at the restoration of the Graham Draycott pavilion. He said that they were one of three clubs nationally, chosen as a focus club this year. They were organising a volunteer day on April 10 2011, and were seeking volunteers and funding. There would be a meeting at Trent College on Nov 18, at 7.30pm.
- b) It was reported that a plaque had been installed by the Rotary Club, close to the bowling green. Nobody in the group had been informed. TW agreed to find information.
- c) Riverside FC have converted the old dressing room toilets into a storage area.

Another Manchester Un day would be held in Aug 2011.

10 Date of next meeting

Wednesday December 15 2010, 10am Curzon Room, West Park Leisure Centre