

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 3rd December 2008 (delayed November meeting)
(Sandallwood Centre)

Apologies: D Hughes, S Coddington, M Hood, L Nokes, W Gethin,

Present: S & D Crabtree, B Darrand, R & J Ketley, N Gethin, M Hood, C & C
Burton, M Smith, E Hughes, N Marshall, K Goodman

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

2. Matters arising

1. **ACTION:** (3ib4): The crime prevention officer has still not sent the CP report – to be chased up.

3. Business Plan

Sandra has drawn up project boards for all the major projects underway and contained within the Business Plan. These have been circulated by email.

It was noted that in the last 6 months we have achieved many of the objectives outlined in the 5 year Business Plan.

3(i). Crime Reduction Plan

a Authorative Presence

Nothing to report.

b Enforcement

Final warning notices and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts issued to 2 juvenile litter droppers identified from the photographs.

3(ii) Designing Out Crime

a Golf Course

(i) All conifers were removed and shredded on site within the time scales identified. The new fence was erected utilising most of the existing posts.

(ii) A gap was made in the hawthorn hedge on hawthorn alley so that park users could get directly onto the golf course from the main park. This has ensured that it becomes more inclusive into the main areas.

(iii) Neil M reported that work was ongoing to level the ground and make good. Additional entrances to be made along Thorne Road. Rough areas where fallen trees lay are to be cleared and levelled.

(iv) Debbie Bailey had been requested to enquire about dog waste bins which has been completed. Litter bins erected at entrances to the golf course.

(v) An email has been sent to all the departments involved thanking them for all the hard work that was undertaken in completing this

¹ In accordance with the Charity Commission Constitution, all general meetings shall be called Special General Meetings.

aspect of the project. This was an enormous task involving numerous departments, pulled together by Neil Marshall and his team. A big vote of thanks to them.

- (vi) The funding bid for the golf course project has been accepted through the first phase and we will be visited by a moderator to see if we can progress to the stage 2 application. Anyone available to meet with the moderator was asked to attend the park the following Thursday.

3(iii) Park Development

Toilets

Eva had nothing to report. Budget meeting had not yet taken place.

3(iv) Angling Club

Not present, no report.

ACTIONS: Debbie Bailey to request PCSO presence re night fishing and illegal lines used. Result?

3(v) Bog Pond

Volunteer Week/Make a Difference Day

This was a success though not all tasks were completed: the Fitness Trail markers, seats and the hand rail outside the disabled toilet are to be repainted in the spring.

Jobs completed:

- Paths weeded;
- Litter picks;
- Several hundred bulbs planted – mainly on the golf course.
- Bog garden dug over again and re planted;
- Security fencing erected to safeguard the ‘wildlife sanctuary’ created in the corner with the planting of reeds and water plants (the fence was damaged within a week whereby lats were taken out of the fence so the offenders could climb through into the ‘wildlife sanctuary’. Repaired by Tony Winders team).
- £798 of plants planted in total with donation from South Yorkshire Community Foundation – the required final report has been submitted to SYCF.
- Low privet hedge taken down to open up the bog garden area to the rest of the park and with a view to reducing anti social behaviour in that area;
- Corner of the lake dredged at cost to DMBC.
- Extra picnic bench installed at the top of the ‘dell’.

Thanks to all volunteers and Wheatley SNT who worked hard on the projects.

3(vi) Communications

a. Web site

To be reviewed in Feb 2009, now receiving about 1500 visits per month.

Emphasis will now be put on Positive results in the parks development.

b. Notice Boards

The notice board near the cafe is to be replaced by Sita after the refuse collectors damaged it repeatedly.

- c. Newsletters/promotional Material
Newsletters were handed out during volunteer week.

3(vii) Funding/Events

- a. Quiz Night
A great success - next one fixed for Feb 13th and tickets to remain at £2, rather than increase it and discourage people.
- b. Doncaster in Bloom
Six members attended the presentation evening and were very pleased to be awarded a Gold Standard in the Community Group Awards, and announced overall winners of the category. An engraved plaque was presented, a smaller plaque which we retain, and a very large sack of mixed bulbs for the park. Congratulations to all the group and our SNT and DMBC partners who made this award possible. (The additional bulbs were planted by volunteers within the volunteer week).
- c. Music in the Park 2009
A proposed date for Music in the park was the 2nd Saturday in June. No progress made yet with regards to funding it.
- d. Fakefest
Has been arranged for Saturday 23rd May, to be confirmed when all formalities have been completed.
- e. Care to Run 2009
A letter of thanks has been received from Aurora Centre for our help and efforts in organising the run in the park. They have requested that we perform the same role this year. A meeting will be arranged and a date agreed upon, probably in September 2009.
- f. Funding/Treasurers Report
 - (i) Neil G gave an update on the financial state.
 - (ii) Lottery income was £25.20.
 - (iii) Our insurance policy covers volunteers of the group.

4. Any Other Business

- a. Volunteer policy document has been drawn up to comply with some requests from funders. The policy was accepted but details of insurance needs to be clarified.
- b. Sandra outlined a CVS Finance course which was available and which included a free software package to go with it – Neil G to make enquiries about attending it.
- c. A Continental evening is to be arranged at the Police club with possible involvement by F O S P
- d. Mairaid reported that a meeting between Plevies and the council had taken place. Details not known.
- e. Mairaid said that The Civic Trust require a written application for the supply of Trees.

9. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 21st January 2009 to include AGM.)