

Friends of Sandall Park

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 13th June 2007

Present:

R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, N & W Gethin, M Hood, M Wainwright
B Darrand, E Langstaff, G Gilling, Sgt S Millward

Apologies: E Hughes, D Ward, I Thompson, S Parrat-Halbert
Geraldine Gilling was welcomed to the meeting as a guest.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted as a true record,

2. Matters arising

- (a) Music in the Park: All funding returns have now been submitted.
- (b) Fitness Trail: Everything was on target and we now have four Walk for Health trained walk leaders. The signs have been delivered and two will be erected in the first instance so we can assess how they will be vandalised and how that damage can be minimised before the rest of the boards go up. There had been a suggestion that they could be covered by Perspex to protect the surface from knives and paint – Don had looked into this and the suppliers advised against it for various reasons. There is a board to go inside the café.
- (c) The funding application for a data projector was not successful – the application did not fit the criteria for the DMBC fund.

3. Park Future

(a) Charitable Status

Neil was awaiting completion of the form by Vice Chair then it can be submitted.

(b) Business Plan

No update on any aspects at this time, Siggy is away.

(c) Golf Course

Sandra will pursue this through Neil.

(d) Toilet Facilities

Eva and Neil had sent their apologies so no update available on this situation. Mick Wainwright said enquiries were ongoing.

4 Events

(a) Music in the Park

The concert was a huge success not only in terms of fund raising but in raising awareness of the park and the group. We have had some wonderful feedback – one letter was read out. Thanks were offered to all concerned in the organisation and to Wheatley SNT and South Yorkshire Police for their assistance. £1083 was raised. A last minute donation of £50 had been received from Armthorpe Parish Council. Suggestion by Neil and Ron that a donation of £50 be made to the young jazz group, who were a last minute, but welcome addition to the programme, as all other expenses had been covered. Agreed.

(b) Fitness Trail:

Don presented the draft of the leaflets for the fitness trail signs, and these were well received by the group. Geraldine Gilling was a newly trained health walker and was interested in leading walks around the park. She had several ideas for involving people in health walks.

Sandra asked PS Millward what could be done to deter the vandals from destroying the new signs, the fitness trail benches had gone in on a Monday and all 6 had been vandalised by the Wednesday. She expressed concern about the amount of damage being caused constantly in the park. Sgt Millward will plan for extra patrols prior to the boards going up and as often as possible once they'd been erected.

4. **Angling Club**

No update.

6. **Funding**

Weather lottery this month is £26.46.

7. **Projects**

(a) Feasibility Studies

An application form has been received from CEN for the funding of the feasibility study for the small animal farm. This will be completed and submitted.

(b) Wildlife/Nature trail

Sandra and Debbie were now trying to meet with Danum School. Kingfisher still wanted to be involved but hadn't the expertise to design the trails. Mick and Emma said perhaps they could help as they were working on a project with a junior school in Intake. (We have passed the last vetting stage for funding and will know in July if we are successful).

ACTION: Mick and Emma to progress with local school

(c) Braille/audio guide

On hold at this time. No further progress made for a liaison person.

8. **Any Other Business**

(a) Mick W said there was some Christmas items they needed to get rid of in the Park Centre, they could be donated for sale. Ron will accept them at our office.

(b) Neil Gethin has been looking into the different 'suppliers' of race night facilities. He has some ideas. Enquiries to be made as to venue and provider. Sandra suggested a club in town, she will make enquiries there.

(c) Mick said that there had been an invitation to put on a stand at a gala organised by Tuby's fairs in August. They would provide a stand for us. Sandra said she would man the stand.

9. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 18th July 7pm Sandalwood Centre