

Friends of Sandall Park

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday Feb 15th 2006

Present:

S Crabtree, Bell Darrand, Ron & Jean Ketley, Mick Muddiman, Mick Wainwright, Siggie Parrat-Halbert

1. Health & Safety

Dealt with.

2. Apologies:

Debbie Ward, Eva Hughes, Mairaid Smith, Russell Saywell

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Were read and accepted.

4. Matters arising

(a) Chair reported that the presentation to Wheatley Hills senior citizens meeting had taken place and appeared to have been well received.

As part of our (FOSP) ongoing commitment to public involvement and consultation, a survey had taken place within the group of around 40 members. Each attendee was requested to put forward their ideas for improvement to the park, and also highlight what they liked about the park in its current state.

The ideas were collated for inclusion in the Business Plan. Suggestions not previously mentioned were peacocks, an additional coffee shop and additional seating.

A cheque for £50 was donated to FOSP. Chair thanked the secretary for his input into the event.

(b) The lake has been restocked with fish.

(c) No reply yet from Mr Nowacki.

5. Constitution

An amendment was proposed that any member attending a meeting after non attendance at three previous meetings without apology or just cause, shall not be eligible to vote on any matter raised at that meeting. The Proposal was carried unanimously.

ACTION: Secretary to incorporate the new clause into the Constitution.

6. Group Policies

(a) A Child (and Vulnerable Person) Protection Policy, which has been drafted and tailored to suit the purposes of the group, was given out to members to sign. Each member of FOSP to receive a copy to retain, and one to sign and return for the group records

(b) The recently drafted Equal ops policy was read out and adopted. Groups working alongside and affiliated to FOSP should also sign up to the agreement (e.g. Corner Pin Angling Club).

7. Funding

(a) The Weather Lottery has so far yielded £7.56 for our funds and three members have recorded winnings. More participation is essential.

(b) Secretary reported possible future funding from Duke of York fund.

(c) Chair said that we need to progress our funding proposals as the new financial year approaches. Arrangements were made for a meeting Wednesday 22nd February with Craig and Janet from CVS.

8. Events

(a) Mick Muddiman reported a 2 day event in Sheffield by Regen. 2nd day to include urban parks regeneration. Craig Waugh has the details, enquiries to be made for further information.

(b) Secretary outlined progress so far on the Music in the Park project. It was decided to proceed on smaller scale than that originally planned due to cost. Enquiries had been made with a jazz orchestra and the arrangements were favourable.

The proposed date of June 17th. was agreed upon, with Secretary to follow up with potential participants. Chair thanked Secretary for his hard work and time, a lot of research had gone into the preparations required of such an event

(c) Chair suggested involvement of Radio Sheffield in the park, but there needs to be consultation with DMBC Press Office. She will make further enquiries.

ACTION: Chair to follow up with Radio Sheffield and DMBC

9. CVS Courses

Chair outlined the media course she had attended and gave a resume of what had been provided by CVS and Radio Sheffield.

10. Youth Wardens

(a) Mick Wainwright reported that The Junior Wardens were now operating successfully. It was hoped that more funding would become available to extend the project.

(b) There was no update as to whether the wardens could yet be incorporated as junior members of FOSP.

11. Wardens Report

Russell had sent his apologies. No report available.

12. Angling Club

No one from the Angling Club in attendance, no apologies received.

13. Business plan:

Siggy gave a detailed report on the status of the Business Plan through a well thought-out presentation. All members present put questions to Siggy, and were given answers to queries regarding the Plan.

The Proposed Plan was accepted in its entirety and immediate action agreed re funding applications. A meeting to be arranged with Craig to discuss (as per funding).

Chair thanked Siggy for her hard work on the Plan, and the presentation.

14. Any Other Business

(a) Discussion took place as to minor projects we could be progressing with that will show quick results, such as the plan to use the small lake as a dipping pond for children.

(b) It was queried as to what had happened to the idea of the youth shelter. Enquiries to be made by Mick Wainwright.

ACTION: Mick to follow up

(c) Siggy suggested that the additional seating (highlighted at the Wheatley Senior Citizens group) could be achieved by offering memorial benches for 'sponsorship' to the public. The design would have to be agreed upon by DMBC but perhaps the local Community Groups could manufacture them.

ACTION: Mick Wainwright to ascertain what would be required and how much they would cost for the initial purchase.

15. Date of the next meeting

Next meeting to be held 22nd March not 15th (Chair unavailable on 15th).
The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.