

Friends of Sandall Park

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 16th May 2007

Present: R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, N & W Gethin, M Wainwright, Pc K Murphy, S Parratt-Halbert, B Darrand, D Ward, I Thompson

Apologies: M Hood, E Hughes

1. Minutes of previous meeting

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

2. Matters arising

- (a) Park Future: Sandra had contacted Lisa Carter's office and was informed that she could now deal directly with Neil Marshall and did not need to go through that office with regards to matters relating to the golf course. That being the case, Sandra would pursue the matter of re-establishing the golf course once some of the other projects had been completed.
- (b) The benches (that were moved from the bog garden area) and picnic benches have now been installed. The picnic benches were being used regularly by families.

3. Park Future

(a) Charitable Status

Neil had begun the process of applying for charitable status but the forms were complicated and needed a lot of information. Constitution etc. to be provided and details of the Chair, Secretary etc.

Neil was thanked for the time and effort he was putting into the application.

(b) Business Plan

No update on any aspects at this time.

(c) Golf Course

As in matters arising – Sandra will pursue this at a later time.

(d) Toilet Facilities

Eva had sent her apologies so no update available on this situation.

4 Events

(a) Music in the Park

Sandra had met with Doncaster CVS and as a result submitted an application for funding to Doncaster Community Empowerment Network for £995. It qualified for fast-tracking and the result would be known in the next few days. With that in mind we had to assume we wouldn't be successful and budget accordingly. That being the case:

- (i) Neil and SNT would share the printing of posters and flyers with Sandra and Don
- (ii) The park toilets would be opened for that evening.

- (iii) Good coverage had already gone in the Edenthorpe Arrow, Doncaster Free Press, and posters had gone up in the Blue Building, Frenchgate Centre and other key places.
- (iv) £50 had been received from Edenthorpe Parish Council.
- (v) Promotional items had been made/acquired by Don and Sandra and would hopefully bring in some revenue. These all contained the new FOSP logo which would give us additional publicity.
- (vi) A check list was gone through outlining responsibilities for the day and everything was in place for the concert to progress.

(b) Fitness Trail:

Don presented the draft of the posters which would form the fitness trail signs, and these were well received by the group. The new FOSP logo had been designed by the company who were dealing with the fitness trails at no extra charge.

A letter was read out from Rosie Winterton offering her support for the launch date.

4. Angling Club

No update.

6. Funding

- (a) Weather lottery this month is £26.46.
- (b) Whilst applying for funds for the concert, Sandra had been sent details of another funding source which didn't fit the criteria for the concert, so instead she was going to apply for a data projector unless anyone had other equipment that could be funded. None was forthcoming so that application would be processed.
- (c) Debbie suggested that we might apply for Parks for People funding which had just been circulated. Unfortunately the closing date was imminent and could not be attained.

7. Projects

- (a) Feasibility Studies
Ron, Siggy and Sandra had met with Ashley Raywood from CVS and listened to two presentations from Consultants. A decision had been made on the choice of consultants and a funding application is now to be submitted for funding for the feasibility study to progress.

ACTION: Siggy to prepare application

- (b) Wildlife/Nature trail
A presentation had been done to the children at Kingfisher school outlining what we would like them to do to become involved in the nature trail design.
Sandra and Debbie had met with Jan Blud and Siggy to discuss the design of the signs. We have passed the last vetting stage and will know in July if we are successful).

- (c) Braille/audio guide
Sandra said this was proving more difficult than at first thought and she was having difficulty finding an advisor. It's in abeyance at the moment.

Any Other Business

- (a) There is a 'Love your park' national event on 19th August if anyone felt inclined to organise an event. No-one was available.
- (b) Neil Gethin has been looking into the different 'suppliers' of race night facilities.
- (c) Mick Wainwright pointed out there is a Wheatley and Intake Service Providers group on Wednesday 12th September between 10am and 7pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th June 7pm Sandalwood Centre
(note this is one week earlier than normal due to committee holidays).