

Friends of Sandall Park

Minutes of Special General Meeting¹ held Wednesday 18th July 2007

Present: S & D Crabtree, N & W Gethin, M Hood, N Marshall, A Lindsay, B Darrand, E & D Hughes, D Ward

Apologies: R & J Ketley, M Smith
Amy Lindsay, DMBC was welcomed to the meeting.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

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

2. Matters arising

(a) Sandra asked if the extra police patrols had gone ahead, as planned by Sgt. Millward. Neil Marshall said he wasn't aware that any had.

3. Park Future

(a) Charitable Status

(i) Neil Gethin had obviously done a sterling job on the submission – we have had contact from the Charities Commission who only required that

1. We change our constitution to one agreed by them,
2. Trustees read and sign leaflets RR7 and CC3 (available on their website).
3. Trustees sign the declaration form DEC1.

(ii) These leaflets, and the amended Constitution had been circulated to members by email prior to the meeting and all had opportunity to read them. It was suggested by D Hughes that the Constitution be passed, seconded by N Marshall and agreed by all members. It was duly signed by all present.

(iii) Ron had agreed to continue as secretary when we become a charity, Sandra as chairman and Neil Gethin as treasurer, all were duly elected as Trustees. Don Crabtree was also elected as a Trustee.

(b) Business Plan

- (i) No update on any aspects at this time. No news on either the plans for the café or the nurseries.
- (ii) Sandra and Don had been approached by James Curry who had expressed an interest in developing the hard standing where the boat house was, and building an ice cream parlour, boat house with a view to putting boats back on the lake, and a barbers shop. No-one expressed any objections.

(c) Golf Course

Sandra suggested she start looking at organising something on the golf course, perhaps a local golf club could run a franchise. This was

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

discussed at length and the result was that it needed thinking about in more detail. The matter was deferred for the time being.

(d) Toilet Facilities

Eva had pursued this issue and reported a success, for which she was thanked. Neil Marshall read out a series of options for re-opening the toilets, the group elected for the toilets to be opened April to September, including Bank Holidays and weekends throughout the year. Debbie Ward was thanked by Neil for the hard work she had put into researching all the options. The plan would be implemented as soon as possible bearing in mind the schools were now breaking up for summer.

4 Events

(a) Fitness Trail:

Don presented the leaflets for the fitness trail, and these were well received by the group. Everything was in hand for the launch date of 29th July, it would run from 11am to 2pm with walks of varying lengths. Eva would officially launch the event. The toilets would be opened if the new contract had not yet been implemented

(b) Tuby's Fair

Sandra had spoken to Roger Tuby who invited us to put our own stall up, though he wouldn't be able to provide one as we were led to believe.

As the fair would be running all Bank Holiday weekend, it was decided to concentrate all our resources onto one day, and Sunday 26th August was chosen.

A gazebo would be provided by Debbie. The stand would be erected about 10am by Sandra and Don, and volunteers could attend as and when they could. Neil Marshall, Eva and Neil Gethin said they would be able to assist. (Noddy will be arriving about 12pm). Sandra has quite a few items for a tombola, plus the promotional items to sell. Our information board would be on display.

(c) Race Night

The date chosen, which was the only one available at the club, clashed with other local events and would affect attendance. And as Friends of Grove Gardens were planning one around the same time as us, it was decided to put ours on hold until early next year rather than clash.

4. Angling Club

No update.

6. Funding

(a) Weather lottery this month is £31.81

(b) Sandra asked if anyone had sold any of the envelope labels, Mick Wainwright had taken some packs but was working away for some weeks. Any monies to be paid direct to Neil.

7. Projects

- (a) Feasibility Studies
Still awaiting results of funding enquiries. Sandra is liaising with Ashley at CVS.
- (b) Wildlife/Nature trail
Debbie had tried to get a response from Danum School without result. No report had been received from Mick and Emma who had said perhaps they could help as they were working on a project with a junior school in Intake. Amy said she could look into involving the libraries as they have summer projects to organise.
ACTION: Amy and Debbie to progress with local libraries.
- (c) Braille/audio guide
No further progress made for a liaison person. Amy would make enquires with the Sound and Vision section of the library.
ACTION: Amy to enquire with library for a liaison person.

8. Any Other Business

- (a) The web domain was due for renewal and would cost £130 for two years, including technical support. The company we had first registered with no longer existed due to a cessation of funding and we'd had to go with a private company.
- (b) Sandra had received details of a course running on Wednesday evenings starting in September, for a maximum of two people to learn about funding, entitled Funding and Fundraising for Community and Voluntary groups. It was free but required £20 registration fee per person. Anyone interested should let Sandra know asap.
- (c) Sandra had been in contact with WACUP regarding the notice board in the park. She had asked that they repair it due to the eyesore and health risk the damage was causing. Discussions had taken place as to whether FOSP should take it over and be responsible for it. Don said he'd taken possession of the damaged front and would be looking to repair it. Neil M said he would arrange for a replacement piece of Perspex.
- (d) Sandra asked whether it would be feasible for recycling bins to be placed in the new picnic area to assist with the DMBC recycling policy. It was decided it wouldn't work in reality, if the recyclables were contaminated by just one bit of other rubbish, the whole lot would have to go to normal disposal. Many people weren't even using bins anyway.
- (e) Neil G mentioned that our annual insurance with Co-op was due and was the same price at £290. He intended to look at other options for best value, including the company where he worked, if there were no objections. The group agreed that best value applied.
- (f) Neil M said that Intake Community Enterprise had some staging which they no longer required and might be of use to us.
ACTION: Sandra to contact ICE

9. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 15th August 7pm Sandalwood Ctre