

Friends of Sandall Park

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 21st March 2007

Present: S Crabtree, R Ketley, N & W Gethin, E Hughes, S Parratt-Halbert, B Darrand, E Langstaff, D Ward. Joy & Drew, Sandall Park café.

Apologies: M Muddiman, M Hood, N Marshall, J Ketley, D Crabtree, M Smith

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted as a true record

2. Matters arising

Ron and Eva said the turn out for the sponsored walk had been disappointing, but they had still managed to raise £220, to be split between FOGG and FOSP.

3. Park Future

Café: Joy and Drew informed the group that they were applying to renew the lease on the café and outlined their plans for rebuilding the café and creating a quality facility for the park.

Sandra informed the group that at a previous discussion with Joy and Drew, it had been agreed that some sort of facility for park and/or community wardens, along with FOSP, could be accommodated within the new facility.

There was some discussion about public toilet facilities.

The group agreed it would be of benefit to the park and its users for a purpose built café to replace the old building which was in dire need of repair. FOSP would support the new venture.

Joy and Drew then left the meeting.

FOSP status: Sandra informed the group that we had achieved recognition with the press, in that she was continually being approached now for information regarding the park. Previously, it had been hard work getting any articles published.

4 Events

(a) Reminder about the quiz night. FOSP tickets were going well, not known how FOGG are doing with theirs.

(b) The grant from Awards for All has been approved and the money (£6700) is now in our bank account. A report compiled by Don was distributed to the group outlining the plans for the launch. A suggested date of 29th July had been agreed with N Marshall, no, objections to this. Eva will contact the 2 MP's for a quote from them.

5. Angling Club

No report available from angling club.

6. Funding

- (a) Music in the Park: So far, no replies have been received from our requests for sponsors. As we have no funds at the moment, other than the £1000 Park It grant, it looked unlikely that the concert can go ahead. Various ideas were put for fund raising. Most funding streams had been checked out. Letters to be written to local parish councils asking if they could donate anything. A decision will be made at the next meeting as to whether to cancel it or not.

ACTION: Ron to write to Armthorpe PC and Ennerdale Residents Ass,
Sandra to write to Edenthorpe PC

- (b) Running Costs: Coupled with the costs of the concert, we are struggling financially at the moment and we need to do some serious fund raising to pay our annual bills.

6. Wardens

No further progress made re wardens.

7. Projects

- (a) Picnic Area: Sandra asked what was happening with the picnic benches. They arrived in December and are still waiting to be installed. Debby said she would chase it up.
- (b) Feasibility Study: Siggy, Ron and Sandra were due to meet with Ashley prior to this meeting, but Ashley hadn't arrived. Another date would have to be set.
- (c) Greenspace – Every Action Counts: Sandra had emailed all the group who were on email, with details of website to look at and note down any details that applied to us. It relates to what we are doing towards saving the environment. She has already completed the first section which shows the group is working well with its environmental attitude. FOSP receive a certificate for enrolling in the scheme.
- (d) Wildlife Boards: Sandra asked Debby what the position was with regards to the meeting with Jan Blud about notice board designs. She had been waiting to submit the application but time was passing. Debby said that Jan was off now until April. Sandra said she would go ahead with the application anyway and meet with Jan at a later stage. She had already acquired quotes and brochures from companies.
- (e) Nature Trail: Sandra enquired of Debby as to what Chris had done about liaising with the schools, again, time was passing and nothing has been progressed. Debby said she had now taken this on board and the schools were very keen to become involved. A meeting had been arranged for Debby and Sandra to discuss the project with them.

Any Other Business

None

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th April 7pm