

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 16th September 2009
(Sandalwood Centre)

Apologies: J Hall, B Darrand, N Marshall, M Ward, L Nokes, M Smith, D Bewell, S & C Burton

Present: R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, N & W Gethin, M Hood, D Ward, B Boughen, M Wainwright, E Hughes, S Coddington

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

Mick Wainwright asked for an amendment to 3a - Sandall Park is a top priority now for the SNT.

The lottery amount had been misprinted - £233 was incorrect, it should read £26.88.

2. Matters arising

- i. The Mayor Mr Davis, since visiting the park had again been in touch to see if the problems had been sorted. (We are now allowed to put banners up and the admin & hire charges for events has been officially waived).
- ii. The cotton shopping bags had been received and are being distributed. A presentation and cheque handover is to take place 17th September
- iii. The Digital Heroes award was not going to be progressed – the criteria for submission are not something we can aspire to.
- iv. Moira had enquired about claiming from insurance companies for damage to fencing caused by road accidents. This wasn't straightforward but Moira will continue to enquire about having the fencing repaired.
- v. Thanks to all who had staffed the tombola. £98.31 had been raised and a donation for £100 had been received from Roger Tuby. Eva suggested that we should do the tombola over 2 days next year.
- vi. The 2010 FOSP calendar is in progress; Debbie will provide more details at the next meeting. Prices are £3.99 each plus VAT and postage.

3. Business Plan

3(i). Crime

a Benches

More benches have been damaged and dog excreta has been smeared on the fitness equipment.

b Undesirable activities in the park

Observations had been kept by Pc Humphries but nothing untoward had been sighted.

3(ii) Park Development

a. Golf Course Grant

The majority of the project is now complete, only the trees and some bulbs left to plant and two concerts to fund for next year.

b. Playbuilder Funding

No further update available at this time.

c. Future Projects

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

- (i) On looking at the history of the park, Sandra had noted that a local company, still in existence, did the original work. She emailed them and asked if they'd be willing to repair the crumbling lake side at no cost. Sandra & Don subsequently met with a representative from the company who showed an interest in the park and was also interested in helping with repair work to the lake edging. A case is to be put to the board.
- (ii) The proposed laying of a fitness track around the golf course will not go ahead (*at this time*). The funding was not made available when Rachael applied.
- (iii) Neil Marshall mentioned previously about children's rides and putting green in the park. Sandra & Don are looking into the possibilities for these.

3(iii) Angling Club

Barrie reported that they were still having problems with illegal night fishing, and fires had been lit. Drugs and alcohol were in evidence. Two officers attended but no information had been received to date.

3(iv) Communications

- a. Two items done on U-Tube and sent to Community Spaces now appear on Community Spaces web site. The slide show of the launch event was to be used by Groundwork to showcase the project to the funders.
- b. The notice boards continue to be updated regularly, and further pictures of the bygone park have been received as a result.

3(v) Funding/Events

a. Care to Run 2009/10

- (i) The run (and launch event for the golf course) had been a huge success. One problem had arisen in that football pitches had been let out to teams, which shouldn't have happened and put runners in conflict with linesmen. An approach to be made to Community Parks regarding this.
- (ii) Don suggested FOSP providing a trophy for the serious runners for next year's event. Agreed.
- (iii) Don suggested doing a Santa Dash in the park in December, raising funds for Aurora Centre (the idea had come from Rachael Blake). Agreed. It was suggested that it would be an ideal event to get pub teams involved in. Debbie said that Andy Constantine of Best Bar None would be the best person to contact for getting the message out.

b. Music in the Park

Doncaster Concert Band and the Youth Stage Band will be performing in the park on 27th September.

c. Race Night

Neil Gethin outlined plans for the night.

d. Funding

Lottery income this month is £33.

e. Treasurers Report

Neil G presented his report and stated that he had not yet received confirmation of our policy from the insurance company.

f. Charity

Sandra suggested making a donation from FOSP to the Cancer Detection Trust Scanner Appeal. Neil G said it might not be agreeable to people who have donated if we redirect our funds to another charity. Sandra withdrew the suggestion in favour of a personal donation.

4. Any Other Business

- a. The meeting was advised of a possibility of temporary wardens through a job scheme (ILM) designed to get people back into employment.
- b. Mick Wainwright said he would provide a trophy for the Care to Run event.
- c. Eva noted that the bins have been overflowing over busy weekends. She will email SNT to request the bins be emptied on a Sunday.
- d. The rat population is increasing rapidly. DMBC have been notified but no developments have been noted to date.
- e. A letter had been received inviting members to the Veolia landfill site at Carcroft Open Day between 10am – 12pm 26th September.
- f. Sandra had received an 'Air Quality Survey' pack from Open Air laboratories if anyone felt like having a go.

5. **Date of next meeting:**

21st October: 7pm