

**Friends of Sandall Park**  
**Minutes of Special General Meeting<sup>1</sup>**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**Sandalwood Communal Hall**

**Present:** S & D Crabtree, C Pugh, B Senior, N Marshall, W Barclay, F Woolley, K Stoddart, Carol Burton, J Kidd, K Ismay-Johnston, M Hood

**Apologies:** S Stokes, R & J Ketley, Carolyn Burton, S Holland, L Jones, , E Hughes

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

- (i) Sandra and Don had visited Doncaster Brewery and a beer will be named after Sandall Park – the recipe hasn't been worked out yet.
- (ii) Wendy, Alex, Scott and Lee attended the Doncater in Bloom award night. There were some excellent entries Wendy reported and the efforts of the Angling Club received a special mention. Gold awards were received.

**3(i) Crime**

- a. Arson attack on Woodland Adventure Play (WAP). Youths were seen with lighters and damage was caused to the ropes on the WAP. Repaired the following day by DMBC Grounds Team.
- b. The following night reports were received that the WAP was under attack again. Don & Sandra went down to check on the equipment. There were no youths at the time, but they were soon approached by a gang of 15 2-youths who surrounded them and by their behaviour – threatened them. Police and NRT were called, and NRT attended whereupon the youths dispersed.
- c. The play area on Barnby Dun Road was attacked by youths setting fire to the spinning disc. Fuel was used and damage caused to the disc and the surrounding safety surface.
- d. The Duck garden that Carin has been transforming has been trashed; plants pulled up and thrown and shrubs stolen, the shrubs being specialised shrubs so the thief would appear to know what they were after.
- e. Neil said that efforts were being made to tackle the problems. They were going into schools and targeting individuals but needed people to report each and every offence that occurs so they are recorded and show a need for police attention.

**3(ii) Park Development**

- a. Management Plan
  - (i) The signs to deter people from feeding the ducks have been produced and should be erected soon.
- b. Projects

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Charity Commission Constitution, all general meetings shall be called Special General Meetings.

- (i) The Woodland Adventure Play: Was launched on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October with Rosie Winterton cutting the ribbon. Mickie and Minnie Mouse were there. A funding application will be going in for phase 2.
- (ii) Inclusive Play equipment: the funding bid for Aviva for between £10,000 and £25,000 for a wheelchair roundabout received 1390 votes but was insufficient to get through to the next round. We are to receive £100 consolation prize. Thank you to all who voted for it.
- (ii) However! DMBC have engaged with SpaceHive – a forum which provides webhosting for funding applications. Sandra to submit an application for the Wheelchair roundabout.

### **3(iii) Angling Club**

- a. Funding from TransPenine Express has apparently been approved but no further details are known.
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- c. .

### **3(iv) Football Club**

No report.

### **3(v) Communications**

- a. DGSN meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> December with food provided, any attendees to let Kylie know please.
- b. Local firm open day.
- c. Arden Winch. Lowland rescue

### **3(vi) Funding**

- a. 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners were: C Burton (29); C Stoddart (41); N Gethin (32).
- b. Treasurer's Report  
The accounts are looking healthy though there are still amounts to pay out for the nest swing and Woodland Adventure Play.
- c.
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### **3(vii) Events**

- a. Santa Dash – 10<sup>th</sup> December. Plans progressing, Barbara is dealing with the entries. We will be providing mulled wine at the end this time, along with the mince pies, and a sing-along-a-santa (by Les) prior to the event.
- b. The Christmas meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- c. We have been approached by another organisation wanting to organise a music and cultural festival in the park. If it happens it will be a great family event.

## **4. Any Other Business**

- a. Derrick's wife Sheila has donated a large batch of hand knitted baby clothes to raise funds for the group. Some articles presented to Kristen as a gift from the group.
- b. torches..
- e. Wendy café? .
- f. Guides?.
- g. superbin - carin.
- i. stay safe volunteers.

Meeting concluded 8.25pm.

5. **Date of next meeting** 7pm Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December