

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 18th October 2017
Sandalwood Communal Hall

Present: R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, C Pugh, B Senior, N Marshall, W Barclay, F Woolley, K Stoddart, Carol Burton, J Kidd

Apologies: S Stokes, Carolyn Burton, S Holland, L Jones, K Ismay-Johnston, E Hughes

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Sandra has emailed Doncaster Brewery but to date hasn't had a response.

3(i) Crime

a. There has been a car dumped in the car park – four flat tyres and the wing mirrors and windscreen wipers broken off. It has been reported.

3(ii) Park Development

a. Management Plan

(i) The condition of the lake is ongoing. Michaela has ordered signs to deter people from feeding the ducks.

b. Projects

(i) The Woodland Adventure Play: Was installed and has been in use. The official Launch will be on Saturday 28th October at 10.30am. We will be putting an information gazebo up, and weather permitting there will be bouncy castles. Mickie and Minnie Mouse will be there. A funding application will be going in for phase 2. Frank asked if it was covered by insurance, his young grandson had fallen off it whilst playing. Sandra said that children do fall while playing, it is a climbing structure and parents should be aware of the risks of children climbing.

(ii) The Wildflower Meadows has fallen by the wayside – we ran out of time for the funding application, unless DMBC can put some in anyway.

(iii) Inclusive Play equipment: a funding bid has been submitted to Aviva for between £10,000 and £25,000 for a wheelchair roundabout and other inclusive equipment, to replace ageing play equipment. Voting starts on 24th October – for a public vote.

(iv) Duck Tranquil Garden: Karin has single-handedly transformed the area from neglected to a loved part of the park. She is currently painting the fence she said and Don said we'd got some paint she could have.

3(iii) Angling Club

a. Col outlined all the work he had done, and what he had planned for spring with an outline cost. This to be met from FoSP funds. Work will start again in March, the new bog garden to be done by April

b. Neil asked if anything more had been heard about the spiling training. No-one had.

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

ACTION: Neil M to chase up.

- c. Neil asked if anyone had applied for Trans Pennine Express Funding. Sandra said she'd looked at it but had too much else going on. Ron & Jean volunteered to take that one for Angling Club planting; Neil M would help with the application.

3(iv) Football Club

No report.

3(v) Communications

- a. DGSN meeting is 13th December with food provided, any attendees to let Kylie know please.
- b. Santa Dash website is now up and running thanks to Sandra at Indizine Website design who donated her services. It caused Don some consternation coming to grips with it, whilst recovering from illness but it was a great new asset for the event. Sandra has been thanked for her input and hard work.
- c. Welcome to Yorkshire: Marianne, having read the minutes, sent a cheque for £200 to pay for the membership fee to WTY. She has been thanked for her generosity.
- d. Don said there had been further attacks on the website from Malware which basically bombards the site until it crashes. This has now been sorted.

3(vi) Funding

- a. 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners were: Carol Burton (9); D Gethin (4); C Darrand (8). There are 7 spare numbers – Carin took one.
- 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. There has been a donation from Brian, Bouncy Castles of £862.
- d. A donation received from Roger Tuby of £100, plus a huge teddy for a fundraiser.

3(vii) Events

- a. Launch of the Woodland Adventure Play, Dame Rosie Winterton MP will be attending.
- b. Santa Dash – 10th 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.
- c. November & December meetings: as usual, there will be no meeting in November, this will take place on December 6th. The Christmas meeting it was agreed should be the normal format and will be on 13th December.
- d. 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.

- b. Two new urns have been purchased to use for the likes of Santa Dash for warm drinks. The RDA are going halves with us on this so we can both use them for events.
- c. We were due to have the Disability Training but were given short notice backward again. Sandra suggested that should they be doing training elsewhere, any interested volunteers could attend that session.
- d. the Unusual Container was now open for voting in the Civic Office. Wendy, Alex, Scott and another would be attending the Doncaster in Bloom Presentation Evening on 25th October.
- e. Questions were asked about the café project – it's still at the pre-planning stage due to new traffic surveys being required.
- f. Neil has arranged for the toilet rolls to be now paid for by the council. This will help our funds tremendously.
- g. Wendy said she was going to do a Just Giving page for her sponsorship for Santa Dash.
- i. Ron reported that there had been evidence of someone sleeping in the park – blankets etc in the trees. They were disposed of by the council.

Meeting concluded 8.15pm.

5. **Date of next meeting** 7pm Wednesday 6th December (apologies Ron and Jean)