

**Millfields User Group Committee: 3rd meeting of 2011 committee,
27 April 2011**

Draft Minutes

taken by secretary

Action

- Present** Bob Benge, Mike Row, Ruth Smyth, Emma Jack, Jon Aldenton, Tim Evans
- 1 **Apologies:** Barry Buitekant, Vivienne Foxley, Diane Bernhardt, Claire Kelly, Andrea Sinclair
- 2.1 **Agenda**
Added an item on Play.
- 2.2 **Minutes of meeting of 30 March** previously circulated & approved for accuracy.
- 3 **Committee organisation**
- 3.1 **Committee dates**
Confirmed next meeting as 25 May, 7.30
- 4 **Play** EJ CK
RS DB
Emma reported on working group progress. We discussed possibilities of refurbishing/expanding play at NW site or other locations; and the paddling pool problem. Working group will continue developing ideas & will meet Bruce Irvine.
- 5 **Casimir Rd entrance** HH
LBH Streetscene has s106 money (about £45k) available for improvements on the north path and have asked whether to spend it on the path or the Casimir Road entrance. Claire, Harry, Tim & Bob reported on a site visit. The money is insufficient for the whole path, which may anyway be repositioned under masterplan project 2 or as a result of the eventual paddling pool solution. **Agreed** to ask LBH to spend money on Casimir Road improvements. Harry floated ideas about soft surfaces such as hoggin to cope with the problem of path deformation by large tree roots; we liked this. **Agreed** Harry to pursue with LBH.
Also noted that Streetscene may approach Walk London for funds to refurbish north-east entrance to North side, by river.
- 6 **Orchard path** HH
Harry, Bob & Tim reported on site visit at which Parks Tree officers had accepted that cellular structure could be laid over major tree roots, thus permitting more discreet line. LBH also accepted soft/informal surface such as hoggin &/or gravel. They accepted width reduction to 1.5m but might not be able to accept 1m under terms of funding (this might lead MUG to reject path). Streetscene to check whether their contractors could do this work & if not would consider handing commissioning over to Parks.
Meeting expressed satisfaction with progress, asked Harry to keep pursuing.

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7	<p>Website</p> <p>Jon circulated printouts of draft page design. He also brought a copy of his spec and the proposal from Iain MacIntyre of HackneyHome which he had accepted. Jon had consulted Harry and Tim & set up meeting with designer. Committee discussed need for maintenance system usable by non-experts to avoid having a one-person bottleneck, which, at our budget, points to a site based on Blogger or Wordpress; this also enables us to unify permanent pages with blog. The question of hosting needs to be resolved – do we accept the limitations of free hosting, or pay and if so how much and from what funds? We looked at the the proposed logo and Jon was asked to circulate the image on the yahoo group.</p> <p>Confirmed that we expand the web working group to include Harry and Tim.</p>	JA, HH, TE
8	<p>National Grid</p> <p>NG are gearing up for the next phase of their projects and have done a door-to-door drop of a letter and/or leaflet, with a public exhibition on 17 May at Nye Bevan Hall. Harry in Paradise Dock hasn't received these – will raise this with them. Grayling (the current incarnation of NG's public relations agency) has invited MUG to a presentation on access arrangements on 10 May. Agreed Bob & Tim to go.</p>	BB, TE
9	<p>Essex Wharf</p> <p>LKV has persuaded LVRPA to consider judicial review of sec of state's refusal to intervene. Agreed to ask members to lobby Cllr Chris Kennedy in support of his stance on this, also to seek meeting with him.</p>	BB, TE
10	<p>Thames21 Love the Lea event 14 May</p> <p>Agreed to organise stall to piggyback on this event, together with LVF. Harry offered to coordinate & liaise with Theo at Thames21. Need to recruit for stall rota: Bob, Ruth, Mike, Emma offered. Need literature: Jon will do recruitment leaflet. Ruth & Mike to see what other literature we can assemble, Tim to rummage in files for them. Ruth offered to make an I-Spy for children</p>	HH JA RS
11	<p>Next group meeting</p> <p>Agreed Sat 18 June, 11 am. Tim gave apologies, will be in Scotland.</p>	
12	<p>Strategy</p> <p>We discussed the need to bring us all up to speed with where we stand at present, and then to decide what we should concentrate on achieving this year. How can we manage this while dealing with current workload...?</p>	