

Millfields User Group Committee: 4th meeting of 2011 committee, 25 May 2011

Minutes

- action**
- 1 Present: Bob Benge (chair), Tim Evans (minutes), Barry Buitekant, Mike Row, Claire Kelly, Ruth Smyth, Vivienne Foxley
Apologies: Jon Aldenton, Diane Bernhardt, Andrea Sinclair, Emma Jack
- 2 Agenda agreed
- 3 **Minutes of meeting of 27 April**
- previously circulated & approved for accuracy.
- 4 **Committee organisation**
- 4.1 - Committee dates: next 2 are Wed 29 Jun (sec away), Wed 27 Jul
- 5 **Play**
Decided to include Harry in play subgroup
- 6 **Casimir Rd entrance / north path** Harry
PlayWG
Harry tabled 2 drawings. We like the design for Casimir Rd entrance. Looked at the other linked features/.projects:
- path line under trees – move from under canopy or lay over as in orchard? Harry to talk to Ben Kennedy (Streetscene) about possibilities
- what to do with the former paddling pool? Splash pad? Spider climber? Decided to put to next group meeting; working group to prepare & present
- 7 **Orchard path**
Streetscene engineer is happy with MUG's technical proposal– ball in council's court
- 8 **British Waterways: north waterside** Tim
BW has asked MUG to organise volunteers to help them sort out failed plantings on north waterside path. Decided we prefer to ask BW to talk to us about a better layout for the waterside, matching master plan & MUG's views. Tim to ask them.
- 9 **Website**
Useful meeting with designer. Aiming to host on spare space on Harry's virtual host.
- 10 **NG road – improving cycle/ pedestrian access/ use** Tim
Supported Streetscene proposal for redesign of cycle access at both ends of national grid access road.
- 11 **National Grid** Jon?
See note about stakeholders' briefing. Decided:
1. set up good links with other stakeholders.
2. encourage members to report any breaches of conditions for work hours & speeds.
3. press for Saturday mornings to be excluded from work hours? – yes, if residents on affected roads support that
4. access road: press NG to make weekend use easier: push for demountable

action

fence & maybe link to basketball court

5. design of head house: NG has said they are open to consult on appearance of head house, so we should get foot in door

Need someone to take this on: agreed to ask Jon if he will do so

12 **Essex Wharf**

Noted that LVF speaking at LVRPA Executive 26 May.

13 **Summer stalls / Family Fun Day / Clapton Festival**

Agreed to aim for a stall a month in the park over the summer. July's will be on Sat 2nd July, 12-3. Borrow gazebo – Bob to ask Kris for loan of Hillstowe Street's. Ruth will lead, will email committee for rota & material.

Bob
Ruth
PlayWG
Claire

Agreed not to do stall at Clapton Festival – better to focus energy on park presence.

Also aim to run Family Fun Day for which we've just made a grant application: Claire will lead on this.

14 **Next group meeting**

Sat 18 June 11 am. Agreed to substitute a stall focusing on publicising north entrance development and gathering opinions about uses of paddling pool. Play working group to coordinate.

Tim to update flyer, Ruth to print.

Tim
Ruth

15 **Strategy**

Agreed that strategy for the year should have 2 strands:

1. group development: raising our profile locally, increasing our presence in the park, better publicity, developing relationships with community organisations
2. getting a grip on the master plan: developing detail of prioritised projects and trying to have some achieved by end of committee term. Important to clarify ideas on the hub and linked projects: agenda for next committee mtg.