

Millfields User Group Committee: 7th meeting of 2011 committee, 31 August 2011

Minutes

Present: Tim Evans (minutes), Bob Bengé (chair), Vivienne Foxley, Claire Kelly, Barry Buitekant

action

1. Apologies: Ruth Smyth, Diane Bernhardt, Mike Row
Noted that the meeting was inquorate: decisions to be ratified by e-group.
2. Agenda was agreed
3. Minutes of meeting of 26 June were approved.
4. **Committee vacancy**
Decided best for group to agree election procedure before electing to vacant seat. Felt that group should have more information on candidates. Since it would not be practical to take so many (12+) oral statements at the AGM, information will have to be circulated in advance of meeting. At the same time the process mustn't be so elaborate that people are discouraged from standing, so it should be possible for people to be proposed at the meeting.
Proposals to go to group meeting:
 - candidates invited to send in statement by 1 week before meeting, which will be circulated
 - candidates should be nominated by one other person in the group
 - people can stand and be nominated at the meeting but cannot make a statement at the meeting (unfair advantage over those who put in written statement)Sec to circulate draft to committee and then for group meeting. Aim for preliminary discussion at September meeting, agreement at December meeting in time for AGM.
5. **Newsletter & flyer distribution**
A newsletter and flyers had been produced for the fun day with Grassroots Grants funding.
Agreed Newsletter distribution
Claire: north side shops
Vivienne: Clapton Park shops & boards
Bob: Homerton library, Elderfield
Barry: Clapton library
Tim: Chatsworth rd shops; email distribution (Beecholme TRA, Claptonite)
6. **Group open meeting Sat 17 Sept 3pm**
Key to be collected from Helen's house at 2.30 and returned by 5.30: Bob
Refreshments - Claire to organise
Nye Bevan hall doesn't charge, but could. Agreed to donate £30 per meeting so long as group has funds.
Agenda: 2 main items:
 - Casimir rd entrance, north side path & old paddling pool: Harry to present

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Claire
Vivienne
Barry
Bob
Tim

Bob
Claire
Claire

Harry

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- play: play working group to present
 Publicity: ask Bruce to laser-print enough posters for outdoor situations: Tim
Play group
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- 7. **Treasurer's report**
 Unrestricted funds currently £530
 Fun day: spent £1957 of Grassroots Grants grant, in line with application budget; additional donation of £200 from Vision Homes. Additional donations on day £42, into unrestricted funds.
 Vision homes asked for report & pics - Claire to do with Kriss's photos [there is also now a blog item with Tim's photos]. *Claire*
 Grassroots Grant balance £1000 for final stall and marquee: Tim to find marquee *Tim*
- 8. **Black Path Breakfast Stall**
 Who can staff with Tim? Claire from 8 on Weds or Friday. Bob any day, any time. *Tim*
 Will be in final week of September. Tim to liaise with LCC. *Claire*
Bob
- 9. **Play**
 Noted it would be useful to talk to Millfields estate TRA re playground on south, and with councillor Deniz Ogunzali who is becoming active again on park issues. *play group*
- 10. **Orchard path**
 LBH contractors say work has to be done by hand as diggers can't work under trees. This affects cost. Also may need to lay on surface more than first thought, because of shallow tree root density. Streetscene organising site visit to peg out route so that trial digs can investigate roots. Tim, Harry, Bob. *Harry*
Bob
Tim
- 11. **Cow Bridge & towpath**
 Need to clear vegetation on towpath to Cow Bridge. Decided to investigate whether a corporate workday could be set up - Tim to pursue. *sec*
- 12. **British Waterways**
 BW contractors have now fixed 2 hazards, leaving just the uncapped railing ends by the south exit from the bridge walkway. Tim to pursue. *sec*
 Observed greater use of riverside brings more rubbish & need for more litter picking & bins. Claire to pursue; Tim to give her BW contact; copy in Ian Rathbone. *Claire*
sec
 Noted a boater had built a fire against filter beds wall, leaving a burnt area.
- 13. **National Grid**
 Work restarting mid Sept. Need to ensure good contacts with other stakeholder community groups - Tim. *sec*
- 14. **Toilets**
 Claire reported that rangers again neglecting to open toilets. Mark White has assured Claire that both rangers have been told that while they're on duty toilets must be open. Claire will get John the gardener to put notice in cabin & will pursue with Bruce Irving. *Claire*
- 15. **Park out of hours / emergency phone numbers**

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Casimir Rd gate not opened 31 Aug for play bus access for regular Weds session. Claire phoned all out of hours / emergency numbers given on notice board & got no help - found herself eventually speaking to John Wade! Claire to take up with Bruce & cc councillor(s).

Claire

16. **User group noticeboard**

Bob to do some carpentry.

Bob

17. **Storage**

Claire is aiming this winter to prepare the ground for getting the toilets/kiosk fully opened. A necessary step is to find other storage for footballers equipment. move to somewhere else- where? We also need storage for biodiversity project tools. We suggested perhaps a small shipping container sited in the rangers' base. Claire to discuss with Access to Sports and with Melvin.

Claire

18. **Next committee meetings**

Weds 28 Sept, 26 Oct, 30 Nov, 28 Dec (?), 25 Jan 2012

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