

## Millfields Users Group Committee meeting, 30 Nov 2011: draft minutes

Present: Bob Benge, Tim Evans, Emma Jack, Barry Buitekant, Ruth Smyth, Claire Kelly, Harry Hewat, Vivienne Foxley, Michael Row

		<b>action</b>
1.	Apologies: Diane Bernhardt	
2.	Draft agenda agreed	
3.	Minutes of 2 November: agreed. No matters arising	
4.	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b>            Grassroots Grant spent and report made to funder. Re:Leaf funding was joint application with HMUG which is handling the money.            £500 Unrestricted funds currently held: £512.91 [<i>Claire this is the figure at 17 Sept, is it still correct?</i>]</p>	Claire
5.	<p><b>Group meeting 7 Dec logistics + agenda</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Room booked, Bob will visit Helen to check timing etc. Access for set-up needed from 6.30, those helping please turn up then.</li> <li>2. Catering: Emma will lead; be sure to ask for cup cupboards to be unlocked!</li> <li>3. Hackney Parks Forum requested to supply chair, Amy Erickson will do it.</li> <li>4. Layout: Harry to supervise so as to be comfortable for main item on north side.</li> <li>5. Agenda:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ election rules (essential for AGM)</li> <li>▪ member's motion about minutes, if received</li> <li>▪ north side proposals: main item, need to provide time for good debate &amp; decision</li> <li>▪ matters for updating to be covered if time (written updates to be published in any case)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Bob Emma Harry
6.	<p><b>Election rules</b></p> <p>As prepared for group meeting 17 September (see committee 31 August, item 4).</p>	Tim
7.	<p><b>Motion re minutes</b></p> <p>Email received from Michael Murnane 16 October: "I would like to move a motion at the next general meeting to amend the Constitution to say all General and Committee meeting minutes will be published within two weeks of the date of the meeting." Wording requested twice, not yet received, now after deadline. Agreed to agenda &amp; timetable motion provided it is as described.</p>	Bob Tim

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<p>8. <b>'Northern edge'</b>: Casimir Rd entrance, north edge path, paddling pool.</p> <p>Ben to present on 7 Dec with additional material from Harry. Publicity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Standard meeting poster/flyer plus sheet on problems/proposals</li> <li>▪ Leafletting of Casimir Rd residents facing gate: Claire, x20</li> <li>▪ Posting on Guinness Trust stairwells: Claire x20</li> <li>▪ Clapton Park: Vivienne (Bob to drop off)</li> <li>▪ Harry to get printed via Bruce</li> </ul>	<p><i>Harry Claire Bob Vivienne</i></p>
<p>9. <b>Events</b></p> <p>Emma reported on meeting with events officer, George Irvin &amp; cllr Rathbone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Irvin was presented with photographic evidence of grass damage &amp; parking in tree zones, will pay for damage despite council failure to claim in time, comply with tree protection conditions &amp; consult MUG on any future site plans.</li> <li>▪ New LBH events officer now clear about LBH failures last year on consultation &amp; enforcement.</li> <li>▪ Situation complicated in 2012 by separate Olympics events procedures: e.g. Irvin would prefer summer, and proposed July &amp; September dates which LBH didn't forward to MUG. He has now repeated that proposal and we await LBH action</li> </ul>	<p><i>Emma</i></p>
<p>10. <b>National Grid</b></p> <p>Have been in email touch with ... re a member's question on the blog. Still to set preliminary meeting.</p>	<p><i>Bob Tim Harry</i></p>
<p>11. <b>Play</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Following group decision in September, North side refurbishment is apparently in the council's queue for project management resources. Need to keep chasing.</li> <li>▪ Contacts being made with other user groups with recent play installations. Play group delegate to attend HPF meeting to make personal contacts.</li> <li>▪ Likewise following group decision, Play working group to consider next steps for south side and bring back to committee and group next year.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Play group</i></p>
<p>12. <b>Playground Kiosk</b></p> <p>Claire has been working on keeping toilets open, and on rationalising football equipment storage to allow MUG storage. Could possibly fund shelves, locks etc from biodiversity budget for tool storage: pursue with Kate Mitchell on return from Africa.</p>	<p><i>Claire Tim Mike</i></p>

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13.	<p><b>TRAs etc</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Millfields estate TRA has accepted co-option offer and is looking for suitable delegate.</li> <li>▪ Clapton Park and Nye Bevan: Vivienne will approach</li> <li>▪ North side: Southwold and Jack Watts - Barry will explore and approach contacts</li> </ul>	<p>Vivienne Barry</p>
14.	<p><b>Biodiversity</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bulb planting went well. Harry to map for website.</li> <li>2. Derelict fence in waterside scrub belt: Paul Foinette has agreed to work on removing, from maintenance budget but this would be gradual as budget &amp; staff time allow. Agreed also to ask Nat Grid if they would send construction workers to do it in one go. Or possible job for community payback based at Longford Court: Vivienne will investigate</li> <li>3. Pruning workshops funded from Re:Leaf grant now advertised &amp; recruiting</li> <li>4. Bird boxes: we have found a qualified climbing/outdoors youth worker/instructor who will enable young people to who make boxes to install them too. He is willing to do this voluntarily but agree as we have a budget he should be paid - still cheaper than contractors.</li> <li>5. Pedro Club - no response to first email. Vivienne will talk to James Cook</li> <li>6. Tree plantings discussed with Tree Musketeers and Paul F. Almost all sourced from community tree nursery. Need to map and publish suggestions &amp; set dates.</li> </ol>	<p>Tim Michael Vivienne Harry</p>
15.	<p><b>Parks newsletter</b></p> <p>The LBH parks newsletter has been added to Bruce's job, displacing things MUG needs him to do. Widely regarded among user groups as a waste of time, especially since Park Forum e-group got established. Agreed to suggest HPF urges LBH to stop bothering.</p>	<p>Tim</p>
16.	<p><b>Porter's Field (Leyton Marsh)</b></p> <p>Barry reported on LBWF/ODA plan for temporary basketball facility during Olympics. Formal planning application to come but screening opinion application submitted by WF to excuse themselves full environmental impact assessment. Lammas Lands Defence Committee objecting. LVF probably not objecting on resource grounds. Decided in view of deadline &amp; other priorities not to submit objection to this but will monitor &amp; revisit.</p>	<p>Barry</p>
17.	<p><b>Orchard path bench</b></p> <p>Agreed to see if bench, or least bench foundation pad, can be installed at orchard path / black path junction.</p>	<p>Harry</p>

