

Minutes of MUG committee meeting August 16th 2013 at Pinny's house

Present: Carrie, Claire, Pinny, Will, Gill, Harry and Kevin

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Claire reported that the £773 for the Tree Circle was now in the MUG bank account.

Harry circulated copies of the consultation document prepared for MUG in 2012 and presented at MUG general meeting 2012. He also brought a photo collage of the very many different entry points to Millfields Park

We discussed our priorities and the forthcoming meeting with Silvera, Bruce and local councillors.

Agreed that it was crucial that a general overall design be agreed as a priority.

The general view was that an overall design would include all the works that we would like to see carried out even if money was not yet available: redesign of entry points, revamped N Millfields Play area, new South Millfields play area, etc etc. . There was a discussion of the potential for fundraising by the community for specific projects within the overall plan.

Once the general design was agreed, any works carried out – eg patch repairs, could fit in with the overall look.

Agreed that it was important to have an agreed set of dates for implementation.

Members of the MUG committee expressed a strong desire to be a part of working on a design brief with Hackney Council given the wide expertise and experience within the group.

We all agreed that the paddling pool area on N Millfields should not be dug up.

The meeting felt that the area could be used for a variety of activities in the future and the concrete made use of in a variety of ways. All felt strongly that it would be a waste of limited money to dig up the concrete now. A further consideration was that the population locally was changing rapidly; new users may have new ideas on how to best use the space.

We discussed the importance of having play facilities in South Millfields. The creation of a more natural play area with scope for creative play was felt to be an ideal use of the space.

Agreed that MUG is a democratic forum and that other local stakeholders could be encouraged to be a part of it.

An email from Emma gave a council figure of £3000 to mend the orchard path, This was agreed as a good solution.

Pinny and Kevin to co-lead at the meeting next week. Claire, Gill Carrie and Will will also be attending.