

Millfields User Group open meeting, 17 September 2011

Minutes

Present: Bob Benge (chair), Tim Evans (Minutes), Michael Murnane, Wendy Reid, Jane Willdigg, Mark Bell, Hamilton Hawksworth, Colin Croggon, Ann Clifford, cllr Deniz Oguzkanli, Ruth Smyth, Harry Hewat, Michael Row, Anna O'Sullivan, John O'Sullivan, Teddie Sawyer, Claire Kelly

In attendance: Bruce Irving (LBH Parks Development Officer), Ben Kennedy (LBH Streetscene Senior Engineer)

1. Introductions were made.
Apologies received from Ian Rathbone, Barry Buitekant, Andrea Sinclair, Emma Jack, Helen Morris, Vivienne Foxley, Diane Bernhardt, Ciara Devlin, Paul Devlin
2. The agenda was agreed
3. Minutes of 11 April
 - 3.1 Agreed a correct record
 - 3.2 Arising: It was noted that as a result of the committee's decision to hold meet-the-user stalls over the summer instead of indoor meetings, the group would meet 4 times in the year instead of 5 as required by the constitution. The group approved this on a show of hands.
4. The Treasurer's report is attached
5. An update on the state of LBH Parks organisation and staffing, & project funds, was given by the secretary
6. A report was given on the 'Summer surge' (fun day & meet-the-users stalls) for which the committee had obtained a Grassroots Grants award. The fund day had attracted many local families, and the stalls had attracted 70 new people to the group. It was suggested that other local community groups could be invited to any future fun days.
7. Cycle path

It was reported that the group's 2008-2010 decisions to address perceived pedestrian/cyclist conflict on the Black Path by reprioritising it, are to be implemented. After discussion, the action was approved on a show of hands.
8. Orchard path

It was reported that the group's decision in April to approve a path through the orchard area, on condition that it was suitable for the area, was being implemented. The action was approved by consensus.
9. Play

Following a presentation and discussion on improving play provision, it was agreed to:

 - request the council to commission initial scoping work for refurbishing the north playground, on the lines proposed¹, and funded from National Grid 'rent'
 - continue to investigate possibilities for play on south Millfields, with no spending commitment

As it was now 5pm, other items were not taken, and the meeting closed

¹ see <http://millfieldsusers.blogspot.com/2011/07/state-of-play.html>, and MUG Update newsletter Sept 2010