Minutes of MUG Committee meeting

5th Feb 2015

Millfields Rangers Hut

Present:

Emma Jack, Helen Morris, Pinny Grylls, Wendy Reid, Mike Murnane, Gill Harris

South Millfields Play: Helen has completed the analysis of questionnaires using Survey Monkey, 342 in all. Details have been sent to ward councillors for Leabridge and Kings Park, Ian Holland, Michael Dixon and Sam Parry. An encouraging response received from Sharon Patrick. Gill to also send to Georgie.

Emma to arrange for new MUG members (from questionnaires) to be added to mailing list, and then for questionnaire results to be sent to all users. Info to be also added to the Millfields blog and FB page

Gill attended the Leabridge Ward Forum where , she reported, Ian Rathbone told National Grid that all Leabridge and Kings Park councillors were united in wishing to use the NG money (a possible 50k but unverified) for South Millfields play. NG want a something they can put their name to. Wendy had a different impression from the meeting – we will await the minutes for clarification.

Pinny had heard a rumour that NG were thinking of withdrawing the offer as they had had no response from Hackney Council.

Gill to email Sam Parry with this info and ask for their response to our survey.

A new native hedge has been planted in the "dog free" area. Urban FreeRange Kids are flourishing in that space.

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North Millfields playground

New playground now open, with mixed responses from those present. Disappointment from those with under 5's that there is nothing new for them, plus removal of the old climbing thing they could use.

Those with older children had a better experience. All agreed that the old equipment, and especially the kiosk, now look worse than ever. Unfavourable comparisons were made with other park provision and disappointment that there had not been better consultation.

Emma pointed out that Georgie's action plan for Green Flag status includes an action plan for the kiosk.

Pinny suggested a community organisation take it over. We all agreed that provision of proper toilet facilities for playground and cafe users is essential.

Railings

Removal has all been agreed by NG who are waiting for Hackney Council. Inaction to be raised at the next Consultation Group.

Millfields Consultation Group

Wendy asked that minutes be circulated to all users. Emma to send them out.

AGM

Sam to be invited to walk users round the park at the next AGM followed by a meeting indoors. Lots of discussion over this, and 2 possible dates – March 14th or 21st to put in diaries. Emma to confirm with Sam.

The meeting ended at 8pm.