

**Friends of Barshaw Park
Committee Meeting
10 July 2017
At Rowantree Café, 165 Glasgow Road, Paisley, PA1 3LE**

1. Present:

Name:	Initials
Allan Thompson (FOBP Chairman)	AT
John Burton (FOBP Vice Chair)	JB
Irene McDonald (FOBP Secretary)	IM
Robert Rooney (FOBP Committee Member)	RR
Eddie Murphy (FOBP Committee Member)	EM
Minutes: Irene McDonald (Secretary)	IM

Apologies : Pat Kelly (FOBP Treasurer), Carolyn Foran (Committee member), Karen Sutherland (FOBP Development Officer), Joni Harris (Committee Member) James McDonald (Committee member) Mark Faichney (Renfrewshire Council) Michael Fedigan (Committee member)

1. The Vice Chair JB welcomed everyone to the meeting. The chair AT would attend later

2. Mark Faichney

MkF was unable to attend the meeting but JB relayed information which MkF had given to AT.

RJ McLeod to complete the main works by 31 August.

Railway fence to be repaired once the main contractor finished.

Pond weed to be cleared.

MkF will be on holiday from 27 July for 2 weeks.

3. Minutes of last meeting.

Proposed: RR. Seconded: JB

4. Matters Arising

Response awaited from MkF on gatepost.

Bollards not up yet.

No weedkiller down in walled garden

No word on raking pond

No word on feed pipe – was mentioned last month

Bins still overflowing. Dog poo bags lying about. Has been mentioned several times.

Community clean up days are being promoted in Renfrewshire newsletter but no point if bins not being emptied.

No Development officer position advertised yet.

Last meeting minutes to be sent to MkF and updates requested.

RR has been asked to host a race in September but will the pond be

ready – ie weed free and full?

Edging slabs on pond are not the colour FOBP decided on. Original coping stones have disappeared.

5. Development Officer's update

Robin Millar from Keep Scotland Beautiful is coming to the walled garden on 15 July.

KS will not progress the trail until the works are complete.

Re the tank representation for the trail, AT told the meeting that in St Andrews he had seen a large elaborate industrial style planter. Could be made to look like a tank.

RR had seen carved benches in Lochwinnoch which would also be good for Barshaw and could incorporate a tank motif.

AT will chase up Engage Renfrewshire re £1000 grant.

It was agreed that KS should investigate other options for the tank representation.

6. Treasurer's Report

PK advised £2543.79 in the bank. May be after we hear the result from Tesco's Bags of Help appeal. We should get at least £1000.

The OSCR report has now been successfully submitted.

The liability insurance is due tomorrow and PK is obtaining quotes from other insurers.

7 Secretary's Report

Web traffic to be monitored.

There has been a slight increase in the number of emails received via the website. Our new provost has joined FOBP. WE will invite her to the next meeting.

8 PSME Report

The club still awaits paperwork from Renfrewshire Council for the 2 ex council engines.

Level crossing reinstated.

9. Yacht Club

RR reports the proposed date for the September Race is 16th, a Saturday. RR to email MkF to confirm the date.

Im to contact the provost.

10. AOB

AT to ask MkF if we can have the use of the disused RC containers.

Can we involve the Scouts in walled garden project, eg spreading woodchips

At thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions. Next

meeting will be Monday 14th August. JB gave his apologies in advance as he will be on holiday.