

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

1. Present:

| Name: | Initials |
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| 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 |
| James McDonald (FOBP Committee Member) | JM |
| Mark Faichney (Renfrewshire Council) | MkF |
| Minutes: Irene McDonald (Secretary) | IM |

Apologies : Pat Kelly (FOBP Treasurer), Carolyn Foran (Committee member), Karen Sutherland (FOBP Development Officer), Joni Harris (Committee Member)

1. The Chairman, AT, welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Mark Faichney

MkF advised that works are ahead of schedule due to good weather. The workers complex is to move to the blaize area. The works for the new play park will not affect the rest of the park, except, perhaps , the basketball court.

MkF has net with PSME. Topsoil has been used to close the gap under the fence. New posts will go in, in places.

Still waiting for the concrete for the level crossing.

Renfrewshire council have handed over the ex-park locos to PSME.

The nature corner has yet to reopen. Quarantine has been lifted but cage repairs are required to prevent foxes and wild birds from entering – this is how the infection entered. There may be money for the nature corner when the works are complete.

RR asked if the new duct for water can go in under new bowling green path. MkF will check.

Advert for development officer still not signed off MkF will chase.

Walled garden paths will be treated with weedkiller.

MkF is waiting for quote for repair of gate posts. Contractor is sourcing stone.

Bollards will go up to stop vehicles using the walled garden path.

Should also not be using the path by the donkey paddock.

Some mud is being washed over the path at the shelter. Will be looked at.

Water is running in to the pond but the level is not rising.

RR reports that the pond is full of weed. AT and RR suggest that it could be raked while the level is low.

Blue die id being added to the pond water to block the sunlight to the weed, but the water may be too shallow for this to work.

RR suggested netting at the bottom of the pond to stop the weed, but MkF advised that water plants ca dig in to this.

Concrete would be a perfect base but the budget is not there. Current base is clay, but will be wearing out. Also not helped by earth dumped in the pond to shallow it in the 1970s.

Events team are talking to KS about the Gala Day.

The railway should be accessible.

JM asked about the grass being cut around the railway before the gala day. McF reported that it is scheduled.

RR reported that tree branched had fallen down this week at the Oldhall path.

The chainsaw artist cannot make the Gala Day on 24th June. Alana Murray may be able to help with planning for FOBP stall.

RR reports bins over flowing and not being emptied. MkF will look into. Will provide extra bins for Gala Day.

That concluded MkF's contribution to the meeting.

3. Minutes.

Proposed: JB. Seconded: RR

4. Matters Arising

Gala Day – check with Karen & advise sculptor not available.

Engage Renfrewshire aware of funding and can award a grant. Maybe £1000 available. Re the WW1 trail, MkF wants the sculpture to be behind a fence. KS does not support this. We would need a sign and there's no budget. Could funding from Engage Renfrewshire be used for fence or plaque? Whatever it is must be vandal proof as we don't want it floating in the pond. AT will catch up with Karen. KS said tank/bench does not have a BS number.

5. Development Officer's update

Carried forward as KS not present.

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

OSCR have accepted our report and accounts, but require that next year's accounts are independently audited.

The latest newsletter from Keep Scotland Beautiful gives information on grants available from Greggs the Baker. WE did not apply to LAC for funding in last round. Will find out date for next round of applications RR advised that Jewsons also award funding. Renfrewshire council community payback team will provide labour if group provide materials. Pk advised that due to the amount of time needed to devote a a community garden project, we would need a sub team. Has discussed with Big Lottery.

CF has reported that she attended the Growing Grounds forum and recommends continued attendance.

8 PSME Report

The club has taken delivery of 2 ex council engines but they are in a poor mechanical state, engines stripped and parts missing. One Engine is a Howden, not suitable for the model railway now, but has potential. Still waiting for level crossing to be reinstated. Should be available soon – hoping in time for the Gala Day.

The railway has run a few times 2 months but has been very quiet due to poor weather and lack of visitors to the park.

MkF visited last month about the inspection report issues. Will replace fence posts. The bottom of the fence was too high off the ground (possible for small animals to access) The gap has been filled in with soil.

9. Yacht Club

RR reports that the pond is empty and full of weed. Nothing to further to report.

10. AOB

Development Officer post not yet advertised. Seems to be dragging on. The advert is with the Head of Service for approval.

Website – how many views? IM to check.

Minutes to added to website.

MF would like to be involved in updating and running the website. A meeting with Berserk comouters should be arranged for Im KS and MF to attend.

Meeting concluded, AT thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions. The next meeting will be on 10 July.