

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

1. Present:

Name:	Initials
Allan Thompson (FOBP Chairman)	AT
Pat Kelly (FOBP Treasurer)	PK
Karen Sutherland (FOBP Development Officer)	
Irene McDonald (FOBP Secretary)	IM
Robert Rooney (FOBP Committee Member)	RR
Eddie Murphy (FOBP Committee Member)	EM
James McDonald (FOBP Committee Member)	JM
Michael Fedigan (FOBP Committee Member)	MF
Carolyn Foran (FOBP Committee Member)	CF
Mark Faichney (Renfrewshire District Council)	MkF

Minutes: Irene McDonald (Secretary)

Apologies : John Burton (FOBP Vice Chair), Joni Harris (FOBP Committee Member)

2. Mark Faichney

The main works in are complete. Snags are hollows to the south of the pond, tarmac and kerbs.

MkF will distribute a full report.

Contractors will remove rubble from the pond. Weed removal planned for this week MkF to inform RR of the date. Play area is in but not handed over.

EM reported a small flood at the new drain near the depot also water running over the path at the shelter.

RR and KS report soakaway at the car park overflowing.

RR reports tree roots damaged by diggers.

MkF confirmed that children should not be in the new play area yet. It is still to be independently assessed to ensure it meets standards.

Railway fence still not fixed. Roundabout crew have been asked not to chain fences to railway fence. Will be looked at after gates are done.

Tender for the gates will go to open market as RT McLeod too expensive. Same for golf course fence.

No budget for compound fence.

Pond coping stones have been delivered. Still to be fitted.

MkF will look into damage to ticket office. & grass cutting.

MkF says he gets phone calls on railway operating times.

MkF is aware that the information about the park is out of date on Renfrewshire Council's web page, but has to follow procedures to make any updates.

Bollards on path by walled garden are up. Weedkilling is still to be done.

Walled garden grass was cut last Thursday 10 August. First time in a month.

Feed pipe on Arkleston Road – not possible to reinstate.

Bins still very full. Ken Scott is looking into possibility of bigger bins to deal with the problem. Some bins have gone missing.

Plants have been stolen from the walled garden. MkF suggested chicken wire to stop plants being pulled out. CCTV signs may also deter.

Beer cans still being found in Walled Garden.

FOBP have been offered cobbles for the walled garden.

Diane Whitelaw has asked about a memorial for her son in the walled garden. MkF is talking to her.

Zoo still closed

, work needs done but will depend on budget when work is done.

Surplus container from Underwood road may be used as accommodation to replace existing structure.

Container in the middle of the railway will be moved.

McF suggests LAC bid to fund container for tools.

KS and PK will look into.

RR reported on 31 July to Ken Scott that a road sweeper has discharged material on the red ash par. No response received yet. Road plainings have also been found in the area.

KS asked if wardens would report unemptied bins to the Parks Dept.

MkF advised only if mentioned at daily meetings.

RR reports red ash is being used for fly tipping, and damage to path past the shelter.

Rr advised that the figures quoted in local media do not match numbers given by MkF who confirmed that £90k still available.

Job advertisement for development signed off but still to go out. Add has gone up for apprentice gardener. Development officer will review the master plan. Hope to be in place within 8 weeks.

MkF will deliver note for locos to PMES.

RR reported that brambles are encroaching over the path at the pond and at Oldhall gate. Could be job for CPT but have been difficult to contact them. MkF will talk to Karen Keane and Archie. At asked IM to invite Karen Keane to a meeting.

This concluded MkF's contribution to the meeting, and At thanked him for his attendance and contribution.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Finance report entered twice in error. Otherwise agreed. Proposed by AT, seconded by AT

4. Matters Arising

Covered in McF's contribution

5. Development Officer's update

Robin Millar from Keep Scotland Beautiful has inspected the park and the Walled Garden. He was impressed by the contribution being made by volunteers in the Walled Garden. The barriers were still up in the made body of the park at the time of the inspection. Concluded that there is "Room for Improvement" Park as a whole is assessed. Keen on our ideas for wildflowers and pollinators. There are a number of criteria to meet Keep Scotland Beautiful's requirements.

WW1 Trail. KS will discuss this next month after the works are complete. Funding options were raised, including LAC and Awards for All. The possibility of a celebration for volunteers was raised.

6. Treasurer's Report

PK advised £2543.79 in the bank.

Bererk computers to be paid. Gala Day proceeds of around £130 to be paid in.

FOBP have been awarded £5000 from Tesco's Bags of Help. Pk has to formally accept. Will be a BACS transfer. &%% upfront and 25%at end of project. The award is to meet the cost of setting Park Runs, initially a children's run only. Liz from Park run to be invited to our next meeting.

An email has been received from Emma Halliday, Community Enabler Coordinator at greenspace Scotland and will also be invited to attend our next meeting. This will be a big project. IM to contact Active Communities about the Park Run.

7 Secretary's Report

Web traffic still at a very low level. Looking into moving our web server to another provider.

We have a good reach via facebook with over 1000 followers.

An invitation to attend our meetings has been extended to the new provost, who has signed up as a member, but no response received.

8 PSME Report

The club still awaits paperwork from Renfrewshire Council for the 2 ex council engines, whi MCF has said will be forthcoming.

Now back to normal operations after the works. Successful test of loading/unloading has been carried out.

9. Yacht Club

Nothing further to report

10. AOB

Re the bins, EM reported that the last time he was in the Walled Garden he spoke to the foreman about the overflowing bins, and they were emptied within 2 hours. Worth maintaining that informal contact and cooperation.

AT thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions. Next meeting will be Monday 11th September.