

**Friends of Barshaw Park
Committee Meeting
14 November 2016
At Rowantree Café, 165 Glasgow Road, Paisley, PA1 3LE**

1. Present:

Name:	Initials
Allan Thompson (FOBP Chairman)	AT
Pat Kelly (Treasurer)	PK
Robert Rooney (FOBP Committee Member)	RR
James McDonald (FOBP Committee Member)	JM
Irene McDonald (FOBP Committee Member)	IM
Michael Fedigan FOBP member}	MF
Eddie Murphy (FOBP Volunteer)	EM
Carolyn Foran (FOBP Member)	CF
John Burton (Vice Chairman)	JB
Scott Allan (Renfrewshire Council)	SA
Ken Gray (Renfrewshire Council)	KG

Apologies: Joni Taylor (Committee member), Michael Fedigan FOBP Committee member}Allan Wallace (FOBP Committee Member), Karen Mathieson FOBP Committee Member & Development Officer

1 Renfrewshire Council Report - Scott Allan, Head of Amenity Services, and Ken Gray, Streetscene Manager.

Both are keen to support community groups, walled garden, etc.

Renfrewshire council approved the report on investment on 29 September 2016. The report is available on the website,

**[http://renfrewshire.cmis.uk.com/renfrewshire/Document.ashx?
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Barshaw project will cost £3.4m, will spend £1m.

By the end of January work on footpaths around the walled garden will be undertaken. Drainage work will go to committee in February for work to start in April, including the pond edge.

Separate contract to go out for play areas improvement/expansion.

£125,000 for 2 people in council to assist community groups with grant applications.

Renfrewshire council will be able to send us copies of the plans soon.

Q. Will micro projects happen simultaneously with big projects?

A. Depends on recruitment of assistants.

Q. Will micro projects follow a plan?

A. Will fit in with master plan.

PK suggested looking for funding from Awards for All to run a new consultation. This would perhaps survey more people than the last one and may be offer more support for an application for match funding.

EM asked about the use of the container in the park for use by FOBP as a workshop and store for volunteer activities, such as gardening. KG will look into this.

EM asked about the park gates. KG will also look into.

RR asked if the park was in the Paisley regeneration plan. It is now due to 2021 City of Culture Bid.

That concluded the report from Renfrewshire Council and SA and KG left the meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report – PK

Balance of £3342.75. Bank account with Cooperative Bank is now open. Funds to be switched into Coop Bank from Bank of Scotland shortly.

Tesco – Bags of Help. Applying for £5k toward s cost of Junior Park Run. Once we know if we're one of the charities chosen, we will encourage all Friends to vote – perhaps an action for KS?

Renfrewshire Council have signed consent for the Junior Park Run

Employers Liability Insurance – We require EL cover as volunteers are considered employees. PK has a broker contact through another committee and he will ask for a quote.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed by RR, seconded by AT

4. Matters Arising

Ticket Office Door - no change

Drainage Channel – no change

Container – c/fwd

Benches – c/fwd

5. Update delivered by RR, on behalf of KS.

Heritage Lottery fund Registration has been submitted, re WW1 Fund. Suggested project is a trail through the park showing WW1 connections. This could also sort out the walled garden.

During WW1 allotments were on the site where the outdoor gym is now located. There could be chainsaw sculptures here of large vegetables to illustrate the past use.

An abstract tank sculpture could be located where the WW1 tank used to sit. Could double as a seating area.

An inscribed seat by the pond, commemorating Wm Bow, who donated the money to build the pond.

Wm Bow's shipyard n Pailsy built ships which were used in WW1. They were known as the "flower" class. The ships had names such as azalea, marigold. A herbacious border could be planted in the walled garden using these plants.

Other planting in the walled garden could commemorate the WW1 hospital in Barshaw House. Such as a rose garden reflecting the grief process.

An oak tree to commemorate and replace the one planted by Belgian refugees.

All these features should be cohesive – perhaps a logo could be designed to mark the WW1 and HLF connection.

The park notice boards could display copies of the trail and the existing signpost map could be replaced with one showing the trail, if cost allows.

We could have events based on the elements of the trail.

6. Secretary's Repty – IM

The annual return to OSCR is due by the end of December. PK to send IM copies of accounts.

We posted on facebook and our webpage, asking our supporters to vote for Barshaw in the Fields in Trust Best Park award. We did not receive much response, but Rouken Glen received the nomination for this area.

The proposed amendments to the constitution has been prepared. A version incorporating all amendments will be prepared.

7 PMES Report – JM

The running season is now finished. The train will run fat the Jingle Bell Fun Run on 4 December. After that maintenance will be done.

The Society keeps a log of running dates and number of customers. Will bring details to the next meeting. Will give committee and idea of numbers using the park at different times of the year. We should consider publicising running dates of the train on Facebook, etc as it is a big attraction.

8. AOB

RR and EM have finished painting the clubhouse. rubbisg=h also picked up Yacht club will keep sailing until the pond freezes. It was frozen last Tuesday morning 8 November. Will not make any plans for sailing next year as many of this years planned events had to be cancelled because of the state of the pond.

The clubhouse will be 90 ears old on 26 February 2017. May have an event in March to commemorate.

RR will request that Renfrewshire Council consider putting grass carp in the pond as this species will eat weed.

We should try to get Sailing club and Railway into the brochure for next year's doors open day.

We could promote FOBP and the clubs in the Buddy Book - £50 for a half page. (action for K S)

The meeting concluded and AT thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions. No meeting in December. The next meeting will be on 11 January 2017 at the Rowantree Cafe at 7pm.

Actions :

Action	Owner	Date logged	Date Actioned
Arrange meeting to see park plans	AT	14/11/16	
Publicise our application to Tesco's Bags of Help Fund	KS	14/11/16	
Ask that Renfrewshire Council consider introducing grass carp into the pond	AT	14/11/16	
Advertise in the Buddy Book	KS	14/11/16	
Invite Angela Coyle to attend next FOBP committee meeting	AT	14/11/16	

Requirement that drainage channel be tarmacked to be brought to attention of Scott Allan before next meeting	AT	12/09/16	11/10/16
Enquire about 2021 funds	AT	11/09/16	11/10/16
Submit application to Tesco for park run funding	PK	10/10/16	11/10/16
Invite MF to next FOBP meeting	AT	10/10/16	11/10/16
Further investigate HLF for WW1 project	KS	10/10/16	11/10/16
KS to be added to Facebook as administrator for FOBP page & given access to website admin.	KS	10/10/16	11/10/16

Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

Drag the pond (MF says they will do this within next 2 weeks)

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***pond has been dragged but not to a satisfactory standard as pond still unusable
Action taken by club members***

Arrange for disused container to be moved

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New benches to be installed

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BMX Track repairs

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Some work has been carried out on the track

Burst sewer near animal corner to be repaired

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Ensure toilets cleaned and unlocked

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