

**Friends of Barshaw Park
Committee Meeting
8 August 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
Allan Wallace (FOBP Committee Member)	AW
Michael Fedigan FOBP member}	MF
Eddie Murphy (FOBP Volunteer)	EM
Carolyn Foran (FOBP Member)	CF

Apologies: John Burton (FOBP Vice Chairman) Pat Kelly (Treasurer) Joni Taylor (FOBP) Member

Minutes: Irene McDonald (Secretary)

- 1. The Chairman, AT, welcomed everyone to the Committee Meeting.**
- 2. The approval of the minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2016 were proposed by RR and seconded by AT.**

3. Matters arising:

Required repair actions to be dated on future minutes

Mark Faichney of Renfrewshire Council has given 2 names to report Health and Safety and park Maintenance issues to. So far no reply to the 2 emails sent to these people.

Warden phone number is still not on the notice board.

Drag pond – has been done with a rake over the weekend but the pond is still unusable

Disused container – Council may have another use for it.

All other actions unchanged.

4.Chairman's Update

AS and RR had a meeting with Andy Summers and Mark Faichney of Renfrewshire Council.

£1million no longer needs match funding. This expenditure still needs to be approved by the board. However it has appeared in a council leaflet.

The council will work to a “master plan”. A Development Officer is to be appointed to work with the interns.

The interns have not been working on the park plans so far.

Technical Officer (Scott Allan) may be able to attend FOBP meetings. FOBP will have to invite him.

Heritage Lottery not suitable for Barshaw park according to MF. Looking at Big Lottery or Robertson Trust.

Park management plan not done, no word on progress.

Council have to lead any Heritage Lottery Fund bid and it seems there is little FOBP can do to progress any Renfrewshire Council led bid.

Should FOBP consider undertaking small projects which do not require the permission or leadership of other parties?

Small scale projects are more likely to be delivered

Basics like drainage still need to be repaired, but this is part of the £1M spend.

The date for the REEM (Renfrewshire Empowering Ethnic Minorities) festival has been advertised locally as being 20 August. The event usually involves a parade to Barshaw park from paisley town centre and a gala in the park. The event was thought to be in jeopardy because of a lack of funding, but now seems to be going ahead.

5. Secretary's Report

An art teacher, Sandra Gillies , who lives locally has volunteered to help design our flyers.

The current secretary does not have possession of the complete file of members and will seek to recover this from previous holders of the post.

6. Paisley Society of Model Engineers Report

The ticket office door repair has failed. Could a repair be undertaken by FOBP volunteers? The building could then be used by FOBP as a store, but may be vulnerable to vandalism.

Could we use the lean to at the rear of the walled garden as a store. Currently used by council to store hand tools, but does not seem to be used by them.

Stones have been left in the drainage channel, but are now being used as ammo by vandals. The channel should be tarmacked over asap. This could be raised with Scott Allan at the next meeting. And included in H&S list to be carried forward in the minutes.

The padlock has been lost from the gate at the vehicle access at the top of the pond.

7 Treasurers Report

Balance stands at £3272.54. Payments have been made to our Accountant, for Insurance, IT services and AT reimbursed for payments made on behalf of FOBP.

The bank account is not yet open. Cooperative Bank requires more information and completion of a form by Trustees and any others who can influence spending. IM to distribute the form to appropriate persons for completion

8 Paisley Model Yacht Club & WW1

There has been no sailing due to the state of the pond.

No ideas forthcoming from Friends of ways to commemorate WW1 associations with Barshaw Park or education projects.

FOBP committee have some ideas for small scale projects:

WW1 Trail. We could produce a leaflet available to visitors from the cafe which would map out a trail around the park explaining the connections.

A picture gallery of WW1 photographs in the cafe. Framed photographs from the photo album which MF has of Barshaw House.

9 Any Other Business

Climate Change Fund

Through his work on a Community Garden project, PK has experience of grant applications. A suitable fund for FOBP may be the Climate Change Fund. An application for a bike trail could be successful, as this would fit the aims of changing behaviour and working towards being a zero carbon town. PK will look into this more.

The project may involve a part time employee to maintain the bikes; container for bikes; existing paths could be used though some upgrading would be required. Similar schemes run in Glasgow and elsewhere and are popular and successful. An investigative trip could be arranged to see how these schemes work in other areas.

Park Run

EM has some knowledge of Park Runs in other areas. They are free to enter and attract a lot of participants. Can need up to 20 volunteers depending on the length of the course. The system involves participants entering on line and printing off a bar code which is scanned at the start of the run. Results are posted on line within hours of completion of the event.

A children's event of 3k distance could be popular in Barshaw

Permission from Renfrewshire council would be required.

We would need to know what liability insurance is provided by park run organisation.

Chris Marsh is known locally as an active participant in park runs and may be willing to help organise a park run in Barshaw CF will contact him.

A Park Run has recently been started in Linwood. IM will find out who organises it.

Walled Garden/ Garden Club Event

We would like to involve the local gardening club in FOBP. A one of event will be organised in the walled garden. Volunteers could help tidy the garden for winter, plants could be sold etc, with fun activities for children.

Suggested date: Saturday 15th October

2021 Fund.

AT to enquire about funds available to FOBP

Constitution

AT wished to propose changes to the constitution & will email committee members with these proposals.

Co-opted onto Committee

AT asked if CF, ED & MF would like to be co opted onto FOBP committee as they have shown enthusiasm and concern for the future of the park. All 3 are keen to contribute to our new direction of smaller projects, engaging more Friends and volunteers.

EM proposed by AW, seconded by JM

CF proposed by PK, seconded by AW

MF proposed by JM seconded by AT

**AT thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions to a positive meeting.
The date of our next meeting is Monday 12 September at 7pm in Rowantree Cafe.**

Actions :

Action	Owner	Date logged	Date Actioned
Invite Scott Allan to attend next FOBP committee meeting	AT	11/08/16	
Expedite design of flyer	IM	11/08/16	
Requirement that drainage channel be tarmacked to be brought to attention of Scott Allan before next meeting	AT	11/08/16	
Coop Bank info form to be distributed to appropriate persons for completion	IM	11/08/16	
Investigate Climate Change Fund opportunities	PK	11/08/16	
Park Run – find out more about how it functions. Speak to Chris Marsh about being involved in bringing children's Park Run to Barshaw Find out who organises the new Park Run in Linwood	EM	11/08/16	
	CF	11/08/16	
	IM	11/08/16	
Walled Garden/Garden Club event. Speak to garden club	CF	11/08/16	
Enquire about 2021 funds	AT	11/08/16	
Email committee members about proposed changes to	AT	11/08/16	

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Actions carried forward from previous meetings:

Drag the pond (MF says they will do this within next 2 weeks) **Renfrewshire Council**
pond has been dragged but not to a satisfactory standard as pond still unusable

Arrange for disused container to be moved **Renfrewshire Council**

New benches to be installed **Renfrewshire Council**

BMX Track repairs **Renfrewshire Council**

Burst sewer near animal corner to be repaired **Renfrewshire Council**

Ensure toilets cleaned and unlocked **Renfrewshire Council**

Leaflet Design **IMcD**

Contact Kibble re repairs to ticket office **AT**

Contact Archie re slabs to be laid under benches **AT**

