

Meadows Meeting 10am Thursday 29th of September 2016

Present – Mike Shields (Parks and Greenspace Manager), Peter Davidson (Park Ranger), with representatives from FoMBL, Southside Association and SCC.

We had a useful walk about, and it was decided that this should be repeated 2 or 3 times a year, focusing on different areas each time. Today we looked at part of East Meadows, concentrating on the 'events site', which has made a much better recovery this year. This is partly due to a very different regime put in place by the park staff to manage the site prior to as well as during and after events. The damage done by Underbelly is much less than the Ladyboys inflicted and the drainage system now in place works well.

After the meeting Mike Shields draw up the following list of action points:

- Checked over event site and agreed site was looking good especially in the short period of time since the underbelly vacated site, further overseeding works are required as well as a hole caused by dogs to be filled in by Peter Davidson
- Look into No dogs signs on Play Area Fences - Mike Shields
- Check with the play area Technical section if the friends Group if supplied with Paint and brushes and wet paint signs would be permitted to paint the equipment themselves - Mike Shields
- Pass over to cycle team concern with Cycle notice which is misleading and suggestion is it needs to be other way around - Mike Shields
- To arrange installation of 1 new bench in Toddlers Play area [site agreed at meeting] and 1 bench to be sited at play area just off Leven Terracesite to be confirmed by Neil Rodger ...Mike Shields will arrange installation, also 3 wooden seats if possible to be moved forward to edge of slab giving more room away from HedgeMike Shields
- Peter Davidson to arrange stake for small Prunus tree in front of Mural .
- Check drainage at Pathway but work has been done before and unsure if easily resolved - Mike Shields
- Friends Groups to continue to assist on Volunteer days to Feather trees, edge pathways, clean around benches and check out funding applications.
- Site to be agreed by Friends for outdoor exercise bike which has been ordered by Mike Shields once site agreed by friends Mike Shields will arrange installation.

- Play area gate concerns (need for self-closing mechanisms) and request for further play equipment Hilary to e mail request with details to Mike Shields who will pass on to James Galloway for consideration.

He also suggested several times that FoMBL should come up with a 'wish list' of a variety of things in a wide range of costings so that when a pot of money becomes available, especially at the end of the financial year, he has some 'off the shelf' projects ready to run.

We also looked at projects that volunteers might be able to undertake, such as repainting the equipment in the toddlers playground, weeding under benches (especially along NMW), weeding in toddlers' play area, especially of hard standing provided for new equipment (two slabs), and existing equipment. The David Drummond memorial bench alongside the tennis courts (in front of the privet hedge) needs re-varnishing (urgently). Other benches could do with a touch-up. This is normally a job for the Council, not FoMBL.

Now that Archers Walk and William Burnes Way have been agreed as the names for the path alongside the tennis courts and the cross path with no name, FoMBL will seek the necessary permission. Mike Shields agreed to meet the cost of putting up the signs. Archers Walk badly needs resurfacing, and Mike Shields will seek funding for it.

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