

Minutes of FOPP Meeting March 16th 2017

_Present: Katy Gardner (Chair), Poppie Fleur, Tony Fiori, Pat and Martin Bragg, Fay Carter, Marilyn Williams, Ingrid Watts. Apols: Lis Davidson

Minutes of last meeting: accepted

Matters Arising: Lake: Report on the commissioning of the design work for the lake and drainage improvements is to be considered by Cabinet tomorrow, Friday 17th March. Recommendation to spend £312,500 on this project.***
The report covers:

- *Improving and protecting the lake area from future wear and tear,*
- *Excavating and clearing around the island,*
- *Improving the inflow and outflow,*
- *Preventing water loss,*
- *Securing the edging stones and possible installation of fishing platforms.*

** this was agreed by Council Cabinet on 17 March 2017

K.G. expects to receive a report on completed Water Management Plan for the lake by the end of the month. The consultants, commissioned by City Council, have concluded their survey on water and hydro-soil quality, fish stocking density, flora and fauna, and human impacts on the lake's management. This report will inform the lake improvement design work, as well as it's future management to ensure that moving forward, it is maintained to benefit fish health, wildlife and park users.

P.B. requested FOPP should receive a copy of this report. **Agreed.**

Brendon Monks to be asked that Paul Slater, our environment and wild life specialist, should be included in future discussions of work to be done. **KG will do. M.B. to contact anglers to inform them of improvement plan, KG will inform anglers round lake.**

I.W asked about possibility of a floating island. Others agreed this a good idea, seen successfully in other places, and providing a safe nesting site for swans or other birds. **KG to mention to Brendon Monks.**

1.Mandela Memorial Project.- 3 or 4 architects have been short listed to decide on the design. Interviewing to be held 24th March. They have £20,000 for this but need to raise a further £50,000 to complete the project._

2.Trees: update/planting past and future. K.G mentioned successful tree work done by volunteers in October and January. Some trees have been coppiced or thinned to improve their health. Brendon Monks says possibility of more finance being available in the future. No more planting to be done until next autumn. Possibility of applying to Tesco for grant. P.B. asked if tree planting

had improved drainage. **Paul or Robert to be asked for advice about this. K.G. to email B.M. re draining the paths.**

3.Walks and events

a) Spring walk, Saturday May 27th - to try out QR Codes App, devised by Fraser Robertson to give I.D. and info on park trees. The App is connected to FOPP web site. Walk starts 10.30a.m. **Need publicity/posters: discuss at FOPP exec and with tree group.**

b) Liverpool Mutual Homes Picnic in the Park 20th May- Open to all. FOPP to have an information display. MW to do this if available.

c) The Great Get Together 17th June-Community events to celebrate the life of Jo Cox MP. FOPP to hold lunch event in the park. Low key get-together. Possibly people to bring own food. **PB and IW to organize some refreshments. MW to find out about what other groups are doing in the City. KG will email Sonia Bassey and local councillors. To be discussed at next exec meeting 2nd May.**

d) Big History Show 29th April St Georg's Hall. **KG to contact other Friends groups to see possibility of joint display,**

e) Hope to arrange a walk in Birkenhead Park later in the year. **KG in touch with Birkenhead Friends.**

4.Mobile Food Van- Hope to get mobile van to go round different parks. KG to speak to Alan Smith, Head of Parks. Our problem for café is no toilets. **IW to speak to Garage owners on Ullet Road re-use of their toilets.** It was felt permission should be sort and offer some flower baskets for them.

5.Extra Bins and Super Bin- No developments yet. **KG email Brendon Monks.**

6.Action on Surveys- Can we look at surveys we have done in park and where gaps are ..unfulfilled wishes. Discuss at next meeting. **Action:all**

7. Bug Hotel/environment Idea of collecting logs, palettes etc to build one in P.P. To include Paul Slater in this. KG to sound out Greg.. who has made one. Hope photo can be emailed. LD made links to Friends of the Earth. Belvedere School has an environmental group who may be interested in this project.

A.O.B. Civic Society. IW will contact them re planning/local area and links to park.

Fay Carter volunteered for FOPP exec. Unanimously agreed.

Next Meeting Thurs 25th May 6pm Crawford House

Exec Meeting Tues 2nd May 6.30 at 11, Devonshire Road