

## Minutes FOPP Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> Crawford House

Present: Ingrid Watts, Katy Gardner, Marilyn Williams, Ron Doran, Phil Morton, Daniel Jewell, Pater Law  
Apols: Lis Davidson, Paul Slater

- Minutes of last meeting accepted.
- Matters arising: nil

**1. Future of parks/Greenspace review.** See previous minutes for update from Councillor Steve Munby. **Friends Forum Meeting at Croxteth Park:** Marilyn and Katy went. Katy gave a report of that meeting. The Friends Forum committee was reconvened and will discuss what to do re future of parks and funding, when council funding for parks may no longer be available.

Katy Unable to be on that committee due to conflict of interest, but will keep FOPP informed of developments. Friends groups may have to play a more prominent role in upkeep of parks. Suggestion from Council that parks or groups of parks should/could form Trusts, would probably be able to raise more money that way. Trusts can bring in other partners. She felt relevant Councillors should come to talk to Friends Forum. FOPP gave evidence to the Green Space Review which has produced an interim report (\*see link below). . The final report is due out soon.

**2. Trees: update/ tree walk:** Agreed Sat May 21<sup>st</sup> 11am: trees, birds and other wildlife. (Hope Paul Slater may be free to help with wildlife part. If not Katy and Lis will do.) Fraser Robinson to make some special codes for mobile phones giving info on trees in the Park. More news on website. **Katy/Ingrid to let tree group know.**

**3. Mandela memorial in park:** Various views expressed about this. Questions about form it will take and effects on park and wildlife. Katy to contact Sonia Basseby about progress **and ask Sonia to attend next FOPP meeting** (see email for .latest info)

**4. Paxton on Merseyside proposals.** - this was joint venture between Friends of Princes and Birkenhead Park, but due to various circumstances progress has been hindered. **Stop press. See end of minutes**

**5. . Bellreve School-Plan to turn part of their building into flats.** Some tree felling asked for, and agreed in planning permit. They have to replant and developers have to pay for replanting and also Section 106 money. FOPP liaising with Council on this.

6. **Lake/ drainage:** see above. Re Section 106. Also may be work on lake as part of Mandela project. No recent update from parks dept. **Katy will chase.** Questions raised about Lake and spread of reeds. Paul Slater has said reeds unlikely to extend further as water level has risen.
7. **Litter/vandalism in park:** Litter Pick is planned for the Spring. Suggestion to eat breakfast together after Park Run. Possibly involve Squash Nutrition. **Possible date Saturday 30th April 10am.** See website/ email for more details. Re dog poo (recent increase) and dogs attacking trees. Paul Slater is contacting council. Please discretely photograph anyone doing this and notify police on 101.
8. **Other park projects/events:** St Silas have applied to be a Forrest school using Princes Park.

**Next meeting Thursday June 16h 6pm. at The Henge in  
Princes Park... bring nibbles to share**

\*The Interim Report of the Mayor's Strategic Green and Open Spaces Review Board can be viewed and downloaded from the Board website at <http://liverpool.gov.uk/media/1431021/green-and-open-spaces-interim-report.pdf>

***STOP PRESS Big History Show Sat/Sun 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April St Georges Hall. FOPP will have stand along with Friends of Birkenhead Park.***

***And 23/03/16 Katy said no to Paxton. Took executive decision that FOPP not got capacity to support/do this at this time. Hope to go ahead with Paxton 150 website linked to FOPP and Birkenhead Friends website.***