

Minutes of FOPP Meeting April 19th 2018

Present: Katy Gardner (Chair), Martin Bragg, Pat Bragg, Ingrid Watts, Ian Lawson, Marilyn Williams, Robert Marten, Tracey Dunn, Sarah Penny,
Apologies Lis Davidson, Paul Slater, Fay Carter

Minutes of last meeting: Agreed

Matters Arising

A successful **Bird Walk** was led by Katy and Marilyn on 24th February. A good number attended.

1. Mandela Memorial and lake developments.

The Mandela 8 Project is going ahead. Request for Planning permission has gone in and notices will be put up re this soon.

Lake improvements to begin late summer/early autumn. The WSP survey is complete and the engineers report has been submitted. It is not considered necessary to drain the lake but pipes are to be repaired and the water that collects on the main path running past playground by to be drained into the lake. *Ask for figure 1 in report to be enlarged as we can see (KG)*

PB commented on soil pipe that ran from boat house to sewer. *R.M. to email KG about this-incorporate connection to repairs in case of future use of boathouse*

Possible insertion of bore hole and fishing pegs in the lake if money permits.

Paul Slater is liaising with Alan Smith re developments.

M.W expressed a wish for guided walk around lake with engineers to understand layout of existing drainage etc and future work. *K.G. to contact Alan Smith re this*

2. Tree Work: A man found cutting trees in the park has been arrested. **Anyone seeing damage being done should phone Police on 101**

3. Spring Activities

Echo Environment Awards: Nine Fopp supporters are to attend the dinner at Isla Gladstone Conservatory in Stanley Park on Thursday 26th April, as Fopp short listed for award. Tim Moore, Robbie Prince and Gail Goodwin also coming

First Saturday of the month **Litter Pick** to be held on May 5th. Volunteers to meet Robert at table tennis table 8.30a.m, before park run or afterwards at 9.45.

A **Paxton Tree Walk** led by Robert, also to be held at 11a.m **on May 5th**. The trees planted in Paxton's original design will be pointed out.

***Squash Nutrition's Opening Day of new premises in Windsor Street will be held the same day and also the May Granby Market.*

Council Environmental Grant: It was felt there was insufficient time to apply for this this year. Possibly to apply in the future.

4 FOPP Aspirations Update from surveys and plan 2011

a) Toilets. Possibly could be sited in former boat house

If Mandela 8 project brings increased visitors to park toilets could be considered.

It was suggested signs should be put up notifying of nearest toilets e.g. Garage in Ullet Road, M. W. suggested informing Queen's Pub in Admiral Street of Pak events. This could be an asset to their business and their toilets could be used. *K G suggested it as venue for next Exec Meeting on 9th May.*

Toilets would need a proper overflow/outflow. An existing sewer between Windermere Terrace and the lake was mentioned. P.B. mentioned that a soil pipe from the boat house to the sewer currently existed. R.M. to email K.G. about this.

Mobile food van would be more likely to succeed if toilets could be installed.

A suggestion was made to give planters to the Ullet Road Garage as a thank you for currently allowing Fopp volunteers to use their toilets. *IW will do this.*

b) Possibility of planting more wild flowers. P.B. suggested planting flower beds. Maintenance of these would be a problem

c) Possibility of installing more benches. Sponsored bench due to be installed- *ask for it to be at slight angle KG*

d) Tracey suggested painting of railings. possibly by youth offenders *K.G. suggested aspirations should be revisited annually.*

5.FOPP Admin: Twitter and GDPR- (becomes law May 25th)

Data Protection Privacy Policy. Copies were provided to members to add to other policies written by Fay Carter. Also on website.

Sarah Penny has put Fopp on Twitter – @FOPP2018 Please follow.

6. **Links with Liverpool Uni** re volunteering in park discussed. *K G/ has contact with them.*

7. **A.O.B.**

a) Next Fopp meeting to be decided at exec*. **Plan picnic in June July**

b) Litter bins at the Henge. Alan Smith has promised to remove the wire basket and replace with a small, discreet bin. The big black bin is to be removed to a site by the children's playground.

c) Notice boards. We really want these upgraded and keys that work easily in all. *KG to ask Alan Smith*

d) Ullet Rd entrance by Gladeview court. *Could this be improved? KG ask*

e) Branches overhanging on Ullet Rd. *KG ask AS if Glendale could cut.*

**Next Executive Meeting Wednesday May 9th at Queen's Pub, Admiral Street.*