

## **Friends of Braidburn Valley Park Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 @ Greenbank Church**

**Present** – KY, HC, IB, RW, ASi, MD, LB, DS, AF

### **1. Apologies**

EJ, ASm

#### **1. Tea in the Park – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 2pm - 4.30pm**

- Discussed organisation for Tea in the Park
- Need to sort achieving entry through gas works if still ongoing – ASi and LB to liaise with gas workers and KY to speak to Mike Shields
- Dog show – discussed practicalities
- Volunteers needed for 6.30pm Friday and 9am Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – also for the event itself

**2. Robert Louis Stevenson** – ASi and Eleanor Land provided a document discussing possibilities for linking RLS with the park. For discussion with UNESCO people – has support of literary people. Aim to create event(s) to celebrate RLS with specific reference to park. Need to engage public, local business, literary experts etc. and seek funding. Ideas include holding an event using the park, possibly during the Festival and for the longer term producing a leaflet so that people could do their own guided walk – this could go up on the website and ensure that people searching for RLS would see this and come and visit the park.

#### **3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

- **Management plan**
- **Cherry Tree Trefoil Renewal** – Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) fundraiser has resigned. KY has heard nothing since.
- **Constitution** – Revised constitution tabled with position of appointed and elected members clarified. Any further comments to KY.

#### **4. Financial Report**

- IB – has looked into trustees liability insurance. Prosecution is an extremely rare event provided trustees have acted in good faith. His recommendation is that we do not take out insurance – we will review documentation and confirm we are happy with this.
- £250 has been donated to Greenbank Church.
- Insurance – The Conservation Volunteers have handed business over to Zurich – to be renewed before Tea in the Park. IB will try to move renewal date away from Tea in the Park date.
- No issues with funds at present.

#### **5. Membership**

DS sending out reminders to those who have failed to renew so far.

#### **6. Council matters.**

KY/DS to discuss with Mike:

- **Edinburgh Living Landscapes** – more space round trees, wildlife corridors etc.
- **Wet area in front of pavilion**
- **Forestry work**
- **Muddy area behind electricity substation**
- **Fibre-optic cable laying**
- **Rutting**
- **Plans for marked trees?**

#### **7. Any other business**

- **Valley Voice** – DS has had an offer of help and has listed some content and ASi has provided an article. DS to work on an issue before Tea in the Park.  
**DS to co-ordinate with VV volunteer**

- **Main Entrance – Landscaping inside gate**  
Designer has provided designs and costings; with more needed for contractors and maintenance. We need to apply for funding (e.g. Awards for all, Tesco plastic bags). KY/DS to discuss with Mike re: any Council input to funding and maintenance. Aiming for work on this in spring 2017.
- **Green Dog Walkers Scheme**  
**DS has plan to recruit to scheme**
- **Website & social media** - Configuration for mobile devices – DS not able to take on much for website at present – text ideally needs a major re-write and update before it can be reconfigured – may be suitable for someone wanting a 'project'  
**DS to forward quote to IB**
- **Trees** – Wingnut died, other more exotic trees OK. We may add to orchard in the future. AF may be able to produce posts for each with a label to be more long lasting.
- **Scout path** – needs more top dressing – P7 will do this on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> August. Mike is providing top dressing. CB will help to supervise.
- **Tram Shelter Interpretation Panel** – text is being developed. Aiming to have ready for 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of last tram leaving the stop (November).
- **David Wright Memorial Bench** – site identified near Community Orchard looking onto orchard. KY/DS meeting Mike on Friday to discuss.
  - **Actions – Paul (Morningside Music School) to provide <45 words for plaque on bench, we can place order for bench thereafter.**
  - **Interpretation panel – CJ and AF have developed text regarding trees. David Henderson to provide text about David Wright and photo.**
  - **Location to be discussed with Mike on Friday – KY/DS.**
- **RW re: planting** – planted seeds to try to suppress Butterbur – did not work, will aim to grow some up and then plant out. Yellow Loosestrife which has been planted is growing well.
- **Cycling** – there have been complaints about fast, dangerous cycling through the park. Will be raised with Mike on Friday – can we put up signs or paint speed limits?
- **Naming of the bridges** – suggestions include literary names, trees (Stevenson, Spark + two other living authors).

**8. Date of Next Meeting: Tues 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
**HC to book room**