

Committee Meeting
Held after the AGM Sunday 26th February 2017

Present: KY, IB, DS, HC, AB, AF, MD, RB,
Adrianna Quail (observing initially - then)

Apologies LB; AS. EJ

1 Election of Committee Posts

RW and ASi have resigned from the committee

RB has joined as a new committee member

All other committee members were duly re-elected

EJ & HC still to act as representatives from School and Church respectively

KY and DS will co-chair going forwards. DS will be default contact

IB will continue as treasurer

MD will continue as secretary

AB will take on membership secretary post over next few months – note that he will be doing most of this at a distance on line. Agreed that AB will also prepare gift aid submission and will get set up so that he can also submit the claim to HMRC

AF to continue as tree warden

AQ agreed to be co-opted on to the committee

It was agreed we should ask LF/MB whether one of them would be interested in a co-option.

Action: DS to circulate updated contact list

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2 Plan to find others for remaining committee posts

1 vacancy remains – we will need to continue to recruit

3 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th January 2017 and matters arising

a) Exercise equipment – **Action IB, RB and AQ to take this forward**

b) Green dog walkers scheme This model has not captured people's interest. Council do not want bulk of grant money back but we would need to agree with them to spend it on dog-cleaning related projects– ideas suggested consider new bins, signage, dispensers?

Action DS to write to Mags Campbell of Edinburgh Council to make suggestions. Also check out with Friends of Hermitage who want to return it. DS to give RB orange paint for a poo spraying campaign

c) Trees – pruning 10.30am Sat 4th March – **Action AF and AQ** will supervise and email will go out to Friends for help. Could plant new Horse Chestnut if it has been delivered by then. Also a couple of yew trees from RW need to be planted out – need to identify sites

d) Community Garden - £850 design fee so far. Aim is to ask for volunteers from friends to do planting and maintenance.

DS has applied for a grant already for up to £4000 to go towards funding this. If successful, this will leave us with a balance or around £2k from our funds or less depending on what Council can achieve

e) David Wright Orchard and memorial bench – bench order has been placed, location on main path at bottom of slope looking up towards orchard.
Suggestion is that the tram panel designer could take plaque design on. Agreed that Friends would meet reasonable shortfall for plaque funding – depending on estimates from designer.

Action DS to contact designer, liaise with DW's son re cairn. KY to work on content for plaque as she has now received all contributions.

f) Bridge naming – we are unable to name bridges after living people – committee to discuss further

g) RLS ideas to be handed over to DS

Action DS

h) Finances – nil to add

i) Membership – subs coming in for this year

j) Website – to upload lengthy Council Management plan

Action DS

4 Draft 2017 Plan for quick consideration / noting - see draft plan

All agreed

Members' talk - ?bumblebees –

Action AF will look into this. Otherwise MD could try and source someone from Edinburgh University

5 Resources available to meet planned projects

Main issue is cherry tree replacement. Edinburgh and Lothian Greenspace have indicated initial contact with the Heritage Lottery Fund has not been very hopeful as they are not very interested in funding replacement rather than new projects.

They suggested crowdfunding for cherry tree replacement? See My Park Scotland website – though we may be looking at £100,000 for whole project.

We may need to continue do a bit at a time.

Action DS, KY and AF to look at taking this forward.

6. Next meetings Tue 16th May 7.30pm and Tues 22nd Aug 7.30pm (Greenbank Church - already booked)