

Friends of Braidburn Valley Park AGM
Sunday 24th February 2019, Greenbank Church Hall

Present: KY, IB, MD, RB, CJ, MB, AB, AS, AN, HC

Apologies: LF, AF

~25 Friends present in total

1. Walk around the park: The AGM was preceded by a walk around the park, which included a formal opening of Dianne's Garden and the unveiling of the David Wright Memorial Panel. We then moved into Greenbank Church Hall for refreshments and the main meeting.

2. Edinburgh University Landscape Architecture Course: Students from the Edinburgh University Landscape Architecture Masters Course have been using the park to undertake design projects. Andrew Siddall (Course Tutor and Lead) gave a short presentation and showed us some of the students' inspirational designs. We hope there will be the opportunity to see more of these and maybe meet with some of the students later in the year. The course hope to continue to use the park in the future and we would welcome this. Thanks to AS for helping facilitate.

3. Minutes from last year: no comments

4. Annual report: Financial report presented by IB – funds information presented as per report. We have agreed to re-appoint the financial examiner

KY presented the annual report:

We are delighted with Dianne's garden and are looking forward to its evolution

New outdoor gym in situ, looking to encourage people to use

Spring clean – looking for 40-50 volunteers Sunday 28th April 2pm in the park

Tea in the Park – Saturday 31st August

More apple tree planting to happen in David Wright orchard – dates to be advertised; help welcomed

Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) are organising a heritage crafts project – this will include a willow play structure at the Oxfords end of the park. Interested people can sign up through ELGT website

ELGT are also raising money to replace cherry trees in the park – Transpennine funds obtained for a further 17 trees.

Social media – Lucy Frankel is looking for assistance with this (Facebook etc.)

5. Committee posts:

Committee elections: Karen Young announced that she is stepping down as chair – Claire Jellema and Margaret Bruce have agreed to be co-chairs going forwards

Matt Ball is stepping down from the committee leaving one vacancy – volunteers welcomed

Ian Burnside will continue as treasurer

Mandy Drake will continue as secretary

6. AOB

TWIC visit to park Weds 5.6.19 - @1730 to undertake botanical survey of park

Margaret gave thanks to Karen for all her hard work