

Friends of Braidburn Valley Park Committee Meeting
11th January 2021 by Zoom (COVID-19)

Present – MB, AB, HC, RB, MD, PB, AF, LF

Apologies –

1. Minutes from last meeting

For access to crypt, please first contact HC

Cherry tree funding – MB has applied for another grant – expects to hear later in spring

MB has tidied the notice boards – condensation has been a problem

MB has approached a member to ask if he would like to join the committee – he would like to do so.

MD will continue as minutes secretary for now

2. Finance (PB)

No issues at present. Accounts have been approved. PB has had a discussion with our insurers (Zurich) who have agreed that we can add additional insurance on if we are able to go ahead with a Tea in the Park this year.

3. Trees, wildflower meadow (AF)

No major issues. Cockmylane project application was successful and trees will arrive in March. AF has also been successful with another grant application, so we are expecting a good number of trees, some of which we could plant in the park. AF will be in touch with Ian Morrison re harvesting some suckers from the Wheatley Elms. Some more work needed in wildflower meadow and the students who have previously helped are keen to help again – probably not till March.

4. Membership (AB)

18 new members this year. So many people have been enjoying the park recently that we are all encouraged to suggest to people that they might want to join.

5. Trustee status (MB)

The Friends are a registered charity. All members of the management committee are regarded by OSCR as Trustees of the charity. MB and AB have prepared a short document to summarise the responsibility of a trustee to be shared with all on the committee and to inform new members.

6. Annual report (MB)

The report has been circulated. The committee are happy with this

7. AGM (AB)

We will have to do this by Zoom. This has been highlighted in the Valley Voice and an email will go out beforehand with the link.

8. Valley Voice

AN has prepared this – we all agreed it looks excellent. MB will pass on our thanks to AN

9. Communications and facebook interactions (LF and MB)

Lots of interactions on facebook – we have >1300 followers now. Our photo competitions were very popular and really helped increase traffic to our site (thanks to CJ for suggesting)

MB has had a message from a Brownie leader – the Brownies have been meeting in the park. They have asked about the possibility of a picnic table in the park so that they have somewhere to meet around. Mike Shields has said that this might be a possibility if the Friends were happy. We are in agreement as long as we avoid the stage and key sledging routes! **MB to feedback to Mike**

10. **AOB**

LF asked if there was any further information on the demolition of the pavilion – and whether we could have a structure there with pillars and a roof that people could meet under for various activities?

RB suggested we could have specific barbecue sites to deter people from barbecuing on the picnic bench

11. **Date of next meeting**

Sunday 28th Feb 2.00pm AGM (Zoom)

March 8th 7.30pm (Zoom)