

## Minutes of Friends of Spencer Park Management Committee

Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>. 2019

**Present:** Karen Berry (secretary in the absence of the Chair she chaired the meeting), Zilpha Reed, Carol Bayliss, Tim Brooke, Helen Spence, Liz Bayton, Pat Ryan (Treasurer), Anthony Godber, Debbie Riordan, Dal Singh (committee members) Scott Crowther (Albany Bowls),

1. **Apologies:** Paul Smith (Chair), Helen Elias, Jane Donovan, Ken Taylor and Kindy Sandhu
2. **Minutes** of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February were accepted **Matters arising:** The small oak tree has been planted. **Cultural Ecology Council for Coventry:** nothing has been heard.
3. **Pavilion:** The Sub- committee has had a letter from the Council about the asbestos, they have said they will pay £8000 towards the cost of £16,000 to remove the asbestos but want us to sign the lease first. We can't do a measurement survey without this work being done. We need to establish that there is a demand for refreshments in the summer to back up any funding bids to establish that this would increase the footfall in the park. The Bandstand project in the War Memorial Park is not now going ahead as it cannot be demonstrated that it would increase footfall. It was agreed to talk to Jane about getting a coffee machine, possibly for the May event, so we could open in the summer to establish demand. A project manager is need for the group and people with different skills are required, e.g. legal. It was suggested we could look for Sponsorship for the pavilion development. Paul is having a conversation with Ian Harrabin, Chair of the Coventry Heritage Fund at the end of March, possibility of the pavilion being part of the Trust and we could lease it from them.
4. **Toilets:** John Plunkett has put two combination locks on the outside toilets, the code will be given to tennis and bowls club members. We have toilet rolls for this from the council but will need to keep a watching brief on the toilets and find a supplier to purchase new ones. More keys will need to be cut for the toilet roll dispenser.
5. **2019 Events:**
  - Publicity event/Big Park clear up of leaves and twigs/branches - Sat. April 13<sup>th</sup>. 10 to 11 am. Anthony to be asked to prepare posters and fliers. Bacon butties to be given to everyone at the end of the event. Anthony to create an event on Facebook. Duke of Edinburgh volunteers can be involved.
  - Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Easter Egg Hunt. 11-12. Tombola but no crafts
  - Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Family Fun Day connected to Earlsdon Festival – we will do refreshments, yoga, craft stalls along with tennis and bowls and other games. Possible saxophone group, Carol to find out, we would need an events license if we have music. May 6<sup>th</sup>. (Stall we don't yet know if we have a whole stall to share with Albany Bowling Club, Karen does not know if it is worth sharing half a stall as we could not do a tombola which pays for the stall)
  - Jo Cox Get together June 23<sup>rd</sup>. No cakes for this event.
  - Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> Dog Show date to stay the same
  - GNP Sports Day Sunday July 28 – (Dal and Gurdeep) Tennis, bowls, Martial Arts, Football stalls, they will supply extra toilets. Would like a bouncing castle, Trevor to find out if this is possible.
  - Band in the Park – 18<sup>th</sup> August –
  - Coventry Male Voice Choir concert – September 28<sup>th</sup> at St Barbara's
  - ? Rock choir
  - Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Parade
  - December - Santa event
6. **Art in the Park Club** – Jane is keen on this she will invite local groups and provide refreshments.

7. **Mayors Community Weekend Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** – We will put in for an additional Band concert. Bedworth Brass Band would charge £350, we would have to hire a marquee and possibly chairs, as the Parks equipment will be needed for their Band on this date. Closing date soon, Helen to be asked to apply for funding.
8. **Bowling Greens:** Scott reported that The Coventry Centre of the Blind has got a £500 grant from the Coventry Building Society for equipment and training. Scott and Paul have met with them and there will be three training days of one and half hours possibly on Wednesday mornings starting on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Help will be required from the Friends. Scott has spoken to Disability Bowls England and Blind Bowls England. Friday morning open sessions will start on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The session will start at the end of March with the first match being on 11<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed that if the ladies team wanted to use pavilion for their matches on Monday evenings this would be possible.
9. **Earlsdon School** - The cleared area has been renovated and Earlsdon School are keen to take it on. Karen and Zilpha are meeting them on Wednesday.
10. **Finances:** Pat and Paul have claimed Tax relief for £2,600 of donations which will be £700 for the year 2017-18. Pat and Karen are meeting this week to open a new Charity account.
11. **Tennis:** The new membership is now open. The netting donated from a Streetley tennis club has been received and needs to be put up. Karen will arrange this. There was a clean up of the courts last week and they were all swept 10 people turned up to help.
12. **Gardening:** First Saturday of each month. Gardening on 4<sup>th</sup> May cancelled because of the event. Good Gym – March 26<sup>th</sup> 6.15 to 7.30. to work on cleaning the path by Dalton Road.
113. **A.O.B.** Container – still waiting to hear if the Council can move it across (cheaper option) **Park Olympics** Scott outlined his plans circulated before meeting, it was agreed we want to go ahead with it in September.
14. **Next meetings:** April 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. (May meeting)

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