

Minutes of The Friends of Spencer Park Committee

Monday November 4th. 2019

Present: Karen Berry, Helen Elias, Paul Smith, Zilpha Reed, , Debbie Riordan, Liz Bayton, Tim Brooke, Ken Taylor, Helen Spence, Jane Donovan, Anthony Godber, Scott Crowther.

Apologies: Carol Bayliss, Pat Ryan, Becky Gittins

1. **Minutes of Oct 7th meeting and matters not on the agenda:** approved as a true record. No matters arising.
2. **Pavilion sub-group :** The pavilion sub group is meeting at 8pm this Thursday at Paul's house. Pat will not be able to attend. All committee members are invited. A volunteer who has expressed an interest in project management is attending. Richard will be presenting the plans.
3. **Refurbishment to the inside of the pavilion:** We now have access to the other room and it is nearly empty. Rory will remove the hand drier and perhaps put it in the gents toilet. When this is done we can move out the shelving, some of which the bowling club want. The room will then need cleaning and perhaps painting. Jane will co-ordinate a shifting/ cleaning group once the drier is out. The additional room will provide space for storage and be useful for events. The round tables on offer from Streetley tennis club will be very useful. The entrance area needs painting and some new floor covering. Liz will look at quotes for decoration. The roof leak needs fixing before this can be done. Tim Fox is going to organise trimming of the cedar tree as this is hitting the guttering. Jane will investigate the cost of oil filled radiators so that we can use the pavilion during the winter months. Rory will look into installing more power points.
4. **Funding workshop:** Voluntary Action Coventry on Tuesday Dec. 3rd. It needs someone from the pavilion sub-committee to attend as this is the main project that currently requires funding. Paul said he would go.
5. **Response to volunteer appeal and action to be taken:** A handful of people have responded to the Facebook appeal and have been referred to Karen on the Friends email. Karen is co-ordinating this. The same appeal has just appeared in the ECHO so we hope for more volunteers to come forward. Scott mentioned that Warwick University have a pool of volunteers and several students live in Earlsdon. He will co-ordinate with Karen. We will plan for a social meeting with refreshments for volunteers in the New Year in the pavilion on Saturday Feb 1st at 2pm. This will need to go in the next ECHO as the December/January editions are combined. Anthony and Jane will make badges for the committee and others in time for the Santa event so that potential volunteers know who to approach at events.
6. **Events:** There weren't as many people at the **Big Clean Up** as before but this might be due to the timing in the half term holiday. The **Pumpkin Event** went well despite the bad weather. A discussion was held about the decision process for cancelling events and whether we should advertise that they would be held the next day if the weather was bad. A definite decision was not reached. **Santa event** Saturday Dec 21st. Jane will arrange a planning sub-committee. We will have two rooms – one for the grotto (Jane to organise) and one possibly for Art and Craft (Liz will approach Trudy). Helen E will bring up the gazebo for. Buggy parking – no buggies in the

- pavilion) Anthony to prepare poster/fliers. Dal will be Santa with Ken as reserve. Helen E has booked Santa suit from Hearsall School. The Santa hunt will take place as a run up to visiting Santa. Helen E has the clues. Refreshments will include soup (Jane) There will be cakes and biscuits with a Christmas theme. Karen will apply for a temporary events license so we can have music. Carol singers would be welcome.
7. **Bowling Greens:** Scott reported that the Crown Green is thriving. Although the Flat Green has been used by the Visually Impaired Group and they want to carry on next summer, the surface was poor due to the dry, hot spell in February when it was re-seeded. Scott will find out if work can be done on the Green in November. Karen proposed that we carry on contributing £750 next year as our part of the shared cost of green maintenance, This was approved.
 8. **Tennis and Safeguarding:** There are 110 members. Karen has closed three courts because of the moss and will soon close court 1 and lock up the courts.
 9. **Playground fence:** Anthony reported on a Facebook message from a parent suggesting a fence round the children's playground. This was discussed and it was felt to be unnecessary as the argument seemed to be more in line with keeping toddlers out so the parents wouldn't have to supervise them as much. Anthony will circulate the message. Paul will reply to the writer and Anthony will reply on Facebook.
 10. **Gardening:** This was cancelled on Saturday because of the rain, but will take place this Saturday Nov. 9th. sop that bulbs can be planted. The next session will be on Saturday January 4th.
 11. **A.O.B.:** Tim reported on our updated **Charity report**, which he had circulated to committee members. The Annual Report and Accounts for the period 18 December 2017 to 31 March 2019 were approved. Helen Spence reported on the Future of Coventry Past meeting at which Stoney Gardens announced that they had received **Heritage Lottery Funding**. Scott said that the Crown Green is one of the oldest in the country and a funding request could be linked to the pavilion. Zilpha proposed that as there would be no Earlsdon Festival this year and no NENA street sale, that we should plan an event on the Bank Holiday Friday on May 8th. which would include stalls and possibly a band. This was approved in principle. Karen will find out what the Council are doing on this day. (The Monday May Day bank holiday next year is being replaced by V.E. Day commemoration on the Friday.)
 12. **Next meetings:** December 2nd. Jan. 6th.

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