Minutes of Friends of Queens Park, Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 19.00

Present at meeting: Tony Halifax, Jane Armstrong, Vivienne McGregor, Alyn Walsh, Nicola Diamond, Ruth Forsythe, Ian Collins

Apologies: Jim McGregor, Raymond Armstrong

c.c.   Stevie Scott and Jack Devine - LES

Item	Discussion
Unscheduled item	Gary Linstead, the LES Countryside Ranger, joined the meeting for a brief discussion about prospective plans the Queen's Park ponds. It was agreed that he will attend a future meeting when more information is available.
1. Agree previous minutes	The minutes of the April meeting were read and agreed. Tony advised that he had invited Stevie Scott, LES, to attend this meeting as discussed in April but Mr Scott was unable to attend.
2. Treasurer's Report	The Treasurers report was read and approved. The final payment for website setup was approved to be paid.
3. Media and Communications	- Website now up and running - http://www.friendsofqueensparkglasgow.org.uk/ - The metaslider and format of the photographs to be updated - Facebook members and information to be transferred to the business version which has been set up - Email address administration to be transferred to Colin Hardie and Ubisan rather than Fasthost as local and easier/better to deal with - Four new volunteers have joined via the website since it started
4. Events and projects	- FoQP to have a presence at events due to happen within the park : - A Glasgow Festival 2014 free film event is to be held in the park on 19 July - http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/phil-collins-tomorrow-is-always-too-long-tickets-9879200956. - Queen's Baton Relay celebration event in Queen's Park Recreational Ground on the evening of Tuesday 22nd July. - Tesco reps have asked if they can help with a clean-up event at the park. Further details to come. - FoQP t-shirts to be printed in time for upcoming events – to be worn by volunteers.

5.	City Park status	• It was decided that a strategy be re-drafted to better cover the group's aims and intentions towards achieving City Park status for Queen's Park, e.g. a 3-year plan. Tony to bring first draft to next meeting.
6.	FoQP Funding	Need funds for ongoing admin and for event staging. Discussion on options: • Membership fee not thought to be a good idea • Alyn and Nicola tabled a sample collection box to be put into local businesses who are willing to support FoQP. It was agreed 10 boxes be purchased to see how they go. • Pay-pal account has been set up but no action to date. • Offer links through website in exchange for sponsorship/funding – agreed to try this – suggested business names to be sent to Tony.
7.	Involvement with Land and Environmental Services (LES)	• Lamps have been reinstalled at Victoria Rd entrance but do not seem to be lit up at night • The park gates are in a bad state of repair- Tony to contact Jack Devine to see what can be done – renovate or remove? • Noticeboards in the park need cleaning and/or perspex replaced • Rubbish bins – need more and bigger and more frequent clearing • Maintenance issues have been emailed to Jack Devine – acknowledged and hopefully to be sorted out.
8.	AOB	Draft Survey questions were tabled for discussion – thanks to Nicola. Held over to next meeting.
9.	Items for next meeting	• Strategy and Three-year plan • Funding • Events
10.	Date and time for next meeting	**17 June - 7:00pm - at Langside Hall** *AGM* and election of officers, followed by regular meeting