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| **Minutes of Friends of Queens Park, Tuesday 18 January 2015at 19.00** | http://www.friendsofqueensparkglasgow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/logo.png |
| **Present at meeting**: Tony Halifax, David Lefevre, Emma Cosely?, Chris Grant, Louise Irving, Dave Terrey, Lucy Gillie, Jane Armstrong, Alyn Walsh, Nicola Diamond**Apologies**: there were no apologies |
| **Item** | **Discussion** | **Action** |
| 1. Agree previous minutes | The minutes of the October meeting were taken as read, and agreed.  |  |
| 2. Treasurer’s Report | The Treasurer’s report was read and approved.  |  |
| 3. Funding & Fundraising | * Members to consider options for applying the grant Skipton Building Society. ALL
* Collection boxes to be reviewed for emptying and on completion view will be taken on buying additional boxes. AW to Action
* Scottish Water invited to nest meeting to discuss Sports hubs. TH to Action
* It was suggested that GCC Langside Ward might have funds available for a project bid. Action TH
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| 4. Communications & Events | * Need to post more regular articles on web. Action TH,ND, AW
* Finalise response to letter from Head of Parks. Action TH
* Agree to proceed to secure charitable status. Need to outline approach and seek advice from David Logan. Action TH.
* Facebook is gaining in popularity, seek advice from others as how best to make further gains, one possibility is Langside College students. Action TH
* Agreed that FoQP should make a formal proposal to LES regarding recruitment and employment of volunteers. Action TH
* Agreed that the date for the next Clean-up will be Saturday 29th March 2015. It was also suggested that we might try and get sponsorship from local businesses. Action TH
* Agreed that it would be a good idea to take before and after photographs of the Balvicar Play area before works start on development. Action TH
* Animate Consulting to attend next meeting to advise on Community Engagement improvements that we might consider. Action TH
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| 5, Strategy & Operating Plans | * Revisions to the Operating Plans were agreed and that a Funding Strategy and Communication Strategy will be presented at February meeting. Action TH, ND, AW
* Park Heritage proposal report to be bought to next meeting. Action YM
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| 6. Park Issues | * Members expressed concern that reports of defects to LES are often not being dealt with and that perhaps FoQP should consider reporting defects to Elected Members if progress is not made by usual routes.
* Current issues are: Boating lake flooding and reports of dogs dying from drinking the water, Park gates still nor repaired on Pollokshaws Road and Balivicar, Path still not repaired, Notice Boards still not repaired, Maintenance plans requested and not provided, Balvicar Play area is in a disgusting condition with rotten leaf and debris and parents are now going elsewhere as they consider the area a health hazard, Tree maintenance needs to be carried out as yet another tree has fallen that was top heavy and could have been avoided with proper maintenance, Gritting of paths not taking place in advance of bad weather resulting in many people falling.
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| 7. Date and time for next meeting |  **The next meeting will be on 17th February 2015 - 7:00pm - at Langside Hall** |  |