

## Minutes of Friends of Queens Park, Tuesday 21 October 2014 at 19.00



**Present at meeting:** Tony Halifax, Jane Armstrong, Vivienne McGregor, Alyn Walsh, Nicola Diamond, Yvonne Murray, Mike McLean (from Queen's Park Camera Club), Gary Linstead (LES)

**Apologies:** there were no apologies

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Agree previous minutes	As there were no minutes from the August meeting, and the September meeting was cancelled, the minutes of the July meeting and AGM were read and agreed.	
2. Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Nicola Diamond has agreed to become a cheque signatory to replace Vivienne McGregor who is resigning as secretary.	
3. LES presentation on Biohavens	Gary Linstead, Park Ranger, gave a presentation on biohavens/floating islands, which could be installed to improve water quality and wildlife environments within the boating pond. Further information to be obtained. Gary will come to next meeting for further discussions.	VM
4. Funding & Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tony is working on the possibility of getting charitable status for FoQP. Mike McLean from QP Camera Club attended the meeting and advised that as the camera club has now received charitable status they will be happy to offer any advice or support on how to do this.</li> <li>The grant application for silo rubbish bins has been rejected as this was considered to be an infrastructure matter rather than a community project.</li> <li>Sports hub – Sport Scotland are keen to contribute funds for a sporting hub at the park which, along with funds from Scottish Water following the Shieldhall Tunnel work should provide the basis for a major project.</li> <li>Collection boxes – appear to be filling up well. Alyn to check on progress and look at the possibility of getting more boxes out. Businesses supporting FoQP in this way to get a mention on the website.</li> </ul>	TH  TH  AW
5. Communications & Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decided to use website as primary information source, with facebook used to draw attention to matters that will be more fully detailed on the website.</li> <li>More frequent updating of web/facebook needed, e.g. weekly update/article.</li> </ul>	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes &amp; agendas to go onto website</li> <li>• Links to other community groups to be established</li> <li>• Moira's Run was a very successful event in the park</li> <li>• No further events to be planned for 2014.</li> </ul>	
6. Strategy, Operating Plan & City Park Status	<p>We now have minuted support from Crosshill, Mt Florida and Shawlands &amp; Strathbungo community councils for Queen's Park obtaining City Park status.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Structure – Nicola and Alyn have taken on responsibility for Media &amp; Coms and Fundraising. There is still a need for a Vice Chairperson and a new Secretary. Nicola mentioned Reach Skills, an organisation that matches up skilled volunteers with organisations in need of support.</li> <li>• Yvonne volunteered to undertake research into the historical links between Queen's Park and Mary Queen of Scots. Tony to provide some contact details.</li> </ul>	TH  ND  YM
7. Involvement with Land and Environmental Services (LES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance issues continue to be communicated to LES – e.g. state of the pond, pathways, rubbish etc.</li> <li>• Committee to book a walk around the park to note areas where maintenance is needed – to pass information on to LES</li> <li>• Play area at Balvicar Road – project is under way. Need to arrange another meeting with LES to confirm the details</li> <li>• Boating lake building – is this still used or is the lease available</li> <li>• Remind LES about dead trees needing to be dealt with</li> <li>• Ask LES about planned tree maintenance over the winter</li> <li>• Leakage of wildlife pond and surrounding area into boating pond, and broken steps near boating lake building needing attention</li> </ul>	All
8. AOB	There was no other business.	
9. Items for next meeting	Further discussion with Park Ranger about gabions/floating islands	
10. Date and time for next meeting	<b>18 November - 7:00pm - at Langside Hall</b>	