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| **Minutes of Friends of Queens Park, Tuesday 18 November 2014 at 19.00** | | http://www.friendsofqueensparkglasgow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/logo.png | |
| **Present at meeting**: Tony Halifax, Jane Armstrong, Vivienne McGregor, 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 | * A grant has been received from Skipton Building Society. Use of the money to be discussed when funds receive. * Collection boxes – over £50 has been collected from just 2 boxes so far – the other boxes are filling up slowly. * Heritage lottery application – still under discussion – has been acknowledged as on right track but need to come up with a plan in partnership with GCC as owners of the park * Sports hubs – still work to be done on this | |  |
| 4. Communications & Events | * All correspondence now should go via FoQP email * Monthly update info to be put onto website * Two responses have been received from Volunteer Glasgow website. Awaiting opportunity to meet with these volunteers. * The boating pond/gabion basket project to be put on hold until funding has been sorted. If heritage lottery funding is obtained, this will be included as part of the park development. | | All |
| 5. Strategy, Operating Plan & City Park Status | * Budget information has now been obtained on Glasgow Green. It would appear from the information we have that QP has the lowest per acre budget of the parks in Glasgow.  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Park** | **Year** | **Budget** | **Acres** | **Budget per acre** | | Botanics |  | £ 2,300,000.00 | 50 | £ 46,000.00 | | Glasgow Green | 2013/14 | £ 548,267.00 | 136 | £ 4,031.38 | | Springburn Park | 2011/12 | £ 295,194.00 | 77 | £ 3,833.69 | | Alexandra Park | 2011/12 | £ 201,992.00 | 104 | £ 1,942.23 | | Queen’s Park | 2011/12 | £ 236,874.00 | 148 | £ 1,600.50 | | |  |
| 6. Involvement with Land and Environmental Services (LES) | * A Friends of Glasgow Parks Forum meeting held on Monday 3rd November – attended by Tony. Good feedback from the groups, but there appears to be a need to formalise the relationship of the Friends Groups with GCC in order that progress can be made. Tony to send feedback as approved by FoQP members to GCC. * City Park status – waiting for outcome of December council meeting | | All |
| 7. AOB | * Cheque signatories – bank paperwork completed for ND as new signatory. * Abi Morden, who resigned as Chair, is no longer contactable and the Board now wish to formally remove her as a Board Member and cheque signatory. This was approved by the Board. | |  |
| 8. Date and time for next meeting | **There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be on 20 January 2015 - 7:00pm - at Langside Hall** | |  |