



## Notes of Committee Meeting 31 January 2009 Park Lodge

### Attendees

Name	Position	Name	Position
John Harding	Chair	Don Isherwood	Membership Sec
Martin McLoughlin	Vice Chair	Jack McManus	Member
Nadia Miskiw	Treasurer	Julia Sellers	BMBC
Joe Holt	Secretary	Andy Edwards	BMBC

### Agenda

1	Apologies for absence
2	Matters arising
3	Julia Sellers- HLF update
4	Submit Breathing Places invoice for payment
5	Report and discussion of Partners Meeting 16 January 2009
6	Dave Shuttleworth –film shoot with committee member
7	AOB

### Notes

Item	Details
1	Apologies received from Norma Armston & Michael Gresty
2	Julia confirmed that there will be a permanent police occupancy of the Lodge, but could not say when this is due to start. Martin & Joe have requested a meeting with clr. Cliff Morris, but are awaiting his reply. Further matters arising are covered in other parts of the agenda.
3	Julia gave the following update on the HLF bid. The LA Planning Committee meets on Thursday 5 February and will be hearing support and objections to the QP applications. There have been only a small number of objections, but none directly relating to the physical impact of the proposals. FoQP has been asked to send a letter of support to the planning committee, addressed to Martin Manselle. There was a meeting with the HLF Advisor last week which left positive indications in respect of the bid. The test results on silt from the ponds have been received, indicating only low contamination. This means that dredged up silt can be safely distributed around the park.
4	The invoice from the Council for work carried out on behalf of the Breathing Places project was submitted to the meeting and approved for payment. A cheque was issued and signed by the treasurer and chair. The question of whether VAT should have been charged is to be queried.
5	John reported on the Partners meeting, 16 January. Regarding the editorial in the Bolton News, 2 January, the meeting agreed

	that, although many of the negative views expressed in the paper about the park were true, these related to the past and did not reflect the positive aspect of all the work carried out since to increase the safety and enjoyment of users. And in particular, no mention was made of the recent appointment of a resident park ranger. It was further agreed that an article should be submitted to the paper to give a more balanced presentation of the current situation.
6	Martin agreed to participate in the film shoot in support of the HLF bid.
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Jack McManus raised the issue of lone people using the park being approached a bogus individual, who would then alert accomplices further along the route, presumably with a view to robbery.</p> <p>John reported on behalf of Michael Gresty an incident where he had observed youths removing timber fencing from properties bordering the park and lighting a bonfire in the park with it. The police failed to respond to Michael's call and he later alerted the fire brigade who extinguished the fire. Julia confirmed that as a result of a fire, the 'pie crust' section of the promenade had been damaged.</p> <p>There was a short discussion on the condition of the River Croel and both Martin and Julia advised this was the responsibility of the Environmental Agency and only constant representations over a period of time may move the agency to clean up the river.</p>

### Action schedule

Item	Action	Who	By when
3A	Letter of support to Planning Committee	JH	Now
4A	Query VAT on invoice for Breathing Places work	JH	Next meet
5A	Article to Bolton News	JH	Next meet

### Next meetings

Partners	13 February 1.15pm Milton House
Committee	28 February 11.00am Park Lodge