



Notes of Partners Meeting 13 February 2009 Milton House

Attendees

Name	Position	Name	Position
John Harding	Chair	Andy Edwards	BMBC
Don Isherwood	Membership Sec	Karen Whitham	BMBC
Norma Armston	Member	Niki Bailey	BMBC
Adrian Gittins	BMBC		

Agenda

1	Apologies for absence
2	Matters arising
3	Groundwork projects up date
4	Breathing Places Phase Four Grant Application up date
5	Moses Gate Country Park User Group- presentation by Niki Bailey
6	Public Meeting- Queens Park plans approved
7	Park maintenance up date
8	AOB

Notes

Item	Details
1	Apologies from Steve Bailey and John Gillatt
2	Matters arising from last notes: Norma acknowledged that errors in the 14 November notes had been corrected. The Notes were accepted as satisfactory.
3	No further news has been received from Groundwork regarding their proposed projects in the Park.
4	John confirmed that the Phase 4 Application had been sent off. It was agreed that further attention to the Springwatch event should be put on hold until the result of the application is known.
5	<p>Niki outlined the development and operation of the Moses Gate County Park User Group. The Group has about 15 members who represent specific interests such as horse riding and dog walking. The Group holds bi-monthly meetings and comprises both voting and non-voting members (non-voting members being BMBC appointees). The Group has proven especially useful in resolving conflicts of interest between the specific interest groups and in fundraising activities.</p> <p>A discussion followed on how the user group planned for QP could be structured. Concern was expressed about FoQP losing its identity and influence as part of a larger user group. The BMBC representatives present were adamant that FoQP would still be regarded as the driving force within any new group, as it represents a wider remit in the parks wellbeing and</p>

	<p>would provide a voice for those whose interests were of a general nature.</p> <p>It was also agreed by FoQP members present that the organisation's written constitution should be revisited, with a view to simplifying the content and to ensure that the aims and objectives continue to meet current thinking.</p> <p>Overall, it was felt that special interest user groups would increase organised activity in the park and provide a greater volunteer resource.</p>
6	<p>It was noted that the QP planning applications have been approved, but with the listed Park Lodge building still subject to Ministerial consent. The public meeting previously proposed regarding the plans will not now take place.</p> <p>Therefore an alternative means should be found to assess the likely local interest in the proposed user group. Don said he would make the FoQP mailing list available to Karen, who has offered to write to everyone on the Friends behalf.</p>
7	<p>Adrian reported that normal maintenance was being carried out, but also work has begun on refurbishing some of the pathways and that there has been considerable thinning out of the growth behind the tennis courts.</p>
8	<p>Adrian mentioned that space on the notice boards is now available to FoQP.</p> <p>Niki and Andy reported that two additional rangers for QP were in the process of being interviewed.</p> <p>The meeting thanked Niki for taking time to attend</p>

Next meetings

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