



Minutes of Committee Meeting 25th May 2022
7.30 pm, 3 Crows, Crow Road.

Matters arising will be dealt with under the appropriate agenda item.

1. Sederunt/Apologies

Apologies: Robert McKay & Elizabeth Brown

Present: Gail Herrigan (GH), David Webster (DW), Maggie McTernan (MMcT), Ben Shepherd (BS), Ada Scarrott (AS), Linda Whiteside, Michael Herrigan (MH) & Joyce Craig (JC)

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting: proposed by MH and seconded by GH.

3. Victoria Park Community Trust update including People make Glasgow Communities update, Vision/Park plan: Participation Interest, Mountain Bike Track, Outdoor Gym, FG lease issues, Grant applications, JCC reapplication, Parkrun, and other relevant VPCT info:

i) VPCT are continuing their discussions with GCC to secure a Participation Agreement. GCC is now beyond the ninety day period by which they should have formulated a plan. They do not seem in a hurry to produce one. The board of VPCT is concerned that drift in the timescale will set back our plans to improve the park and protect its heritage.

ii) The Fossil Grove Trust has been advised by GCC that they are of the opinion that the proposed one tier SCIO is in place before a lease on the Fossil House and environs can be agreed.

4. Park and Fossil Grove works including volunteer Saturdays/midweek afternoons, weeding, litter picking and other works:

MH advised that FoVP must accept full liability for the damage that occurred within the Fossil House, following the fern planting day, as this was the direct result of a failure in security by certain members of FoVP, including the key-holder, who was entrusted with locking the steel roller shutter and who did not do so. This formed the means of entry for the miscreants, which was the proximate cause of the damage.

For future events at least two persons will take responsibility jointly and severally for security, both during the event and most specifically at the locking up stage.

There was some discussion as to whether the historic Fossil House should be used as a 'shed' for storing gardening equipment. The Curling Pavilion might be a better location, if this became possible. Perhaps a tool library might be a long term project we could look into. It was also suggested that a storage unit may be acquired by our Society for approximately £600-900.

MT suggested that the Area Partnership may look favourably at such a project.

Action: MH to look into costs for such a facility.

The Committee favoured the resumption of regular 1st Saturday of the month volunteer days with additional ad hoc activities as and when agreed by the Committee.

The participation of GCC students is greatly valued by our Society and we will continue to encourage this.

Action: GH & AS to liaise with regard to maintaining regular contact with GCC students.

Action: DW to discuss with Robert McKay & Richard East.

5. FoVP Action Plan Subgroup: carried.

6. Events: AGM, Doors Open Days other ideas/suggestions:

The result of our election of office bearers at our AGM is: Robert McKay, Convenor; Elizabeth Brown, Co-Convenor; Gail Herrigan, Treasurer and Michael Herrigan, Secretary. We also welcome Maggie McTernan to our Committee.

This year's AGM was not as well attended as the previous year's virtual events. There was some suggestion that it could have been better promoted on our FB page. We also perhaps should have retained the possibility of online attendance.

AS agreed to livestream this year's Doors Open Day Heritage Walk. DW will be organising an event at the Fossil House.

The Committee is very keen to develop the interfaith aspect of Remembrance Sunday.

Action: BS, MMcT & MH to work on this.

7. Communications including website, FaceBook, Twitter and newsletter:

It is not acceptable for posts by Committee members to be blocked, or for non-inclusive behavior to be practiced towards FoVP members and volunteers.

Due to the recent access issues and appearance of an unsuitable post from an unidentified source, the Twitter password is to be changed and access strictly limited to Committee members to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

The need for a plan for our Society's social media strategy was acknowledged. The channels available should be used for the benefit of our Society according to agreed policy and not for personal issues.

A Media sub-group was discussed, which would review our Comms strategy. An EGM with regard to Communications was suggested and agreed by the Committee. The new Whiteinch Library space may be a suitable venue.

Action: GH to compile two or three questions for members to consider at said meeting.

8. Wildlife issues:

AS awaits a response re urban bird life. MMcT asked if the RSPB has designated Victoria Park as bird friendly. No one in attendance knew.

Action: BS to chase Bat Society re an event in the park.

Action: MMcT will contact the RSPB re an event.

9. Maintenance issues - repairs to the Clock, mining bees and flower bed prep:

Carried.

10. Litter and bins:

DW advised that the worst affected area is the nature trail and this detritus is mostly discarded single use plastic. Changes to Scottish law, which will take effect from 01/06/2022, may alleviate this problem. DW advised that RMcK is organising a meeting with GCC regarding the bins.

Action: DW to contact RMcK to discuss.

11. Finance and Membership:

81 renewed members and 5 new to our Society. It was agreed that our Social media channels should promote membership more vigorously.

12. AOCB, Whiteinch Library, Burgh Hall Campaign, National Park City:

See above re proposed EGM in Whiteinch library.

13. Date of Next Meeting. 29/06/2022 7:30 pm at 3 Crows, Crow Road. McMcT offered her apologies.