



Friends of Victoria Park, Glasgow

Minutes of our Committee Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th July 2022

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

1. Apologies: David Webster, Linda Whiteside & Maggie McTernan.
Present: Elizabeth Brown (EB), Robert McKay (RMck), Gail Herrigan (GH), Joyce Craig (JC), Ben Shepherd (BS) & Michael Herrigan (MH).
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting: proposed by GH and seconded by ESB after the following errors were noted; Thornwood not Thornhill; mining bee bed and flower bed prep not mining bees and flower bed prep & Martin Neill not Martin Neal
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.)

On the Ball Academy showed some interest in the in using an area of the Park. We understand that their present structure includes charging for services, which is not consistent with the aims of VPCT.

£24K is available for use on projects in Victoria Park. It is estimated that a project to renovate the "Still Game Bench" would cost in the region of £10K.

Ideas are sought on how to best proceed with a mural to enhance the appearance of the Toilet Block.

There has been no progress with regard to the rock salt issue.

The tool shed costing is ongoing. We await update from Maggie McTernan.

It was noted that Glasgow Life has their own park team.

Action GH & ESB to contact Scott Donaldson with regard to signage.

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

The next volunteer day is Saturday 30/07/2022. Litter pickers and bags have been obtained from Yousef Vaisal.

On Wednesday 03/08/2022 JC & GH to meet Ada regarding the Glasgow University Volunteers.

Action: all to consider what to do about the weeds in the Fossil Grove pond.

5. FoVP Action Plan Subgroup: there was an interest in wild garlic propagation. We note that poor drainage is endangering the ornamental beds. The Committee is committed to maintaining all beds. These form a designed landscape of historic significance.

Action All: preserve the ornamental flower beds

6. Events: Doors Open Days other ideas/suggestions

MH will be conducting two Heritage walks at 2.00 pm on the Saturday and Sunday. DW will be opening the Fossil House on the Sunday afternoon until 4:00 pm.

Action: MH to contact Ada re live streaming the heritage walks.

We will endeavor to ensure that this Remembrance Sunday incorporates interfaith dialogue, in order to promote cooperative, constructive, and positive interaction between all members of our community.

Actions: BS to prepare a speech; MH to contact Gillian Mawdesley; GH to investigate obtaining a biodegradable wreath & RMcK to contact representatives of our Ukrainian community.

Clyde Bat Group has not yet responded to BS' last communication with them. Central Scotland Bat Group was suggested as an alternative.

Action: MJH & GH to contact Scott Donaldson with regard to other bat groups. M.H to re-contact Jimmy Huis, re Ranger led walks.

7. Communications: JC has now been made a moderator. Website improvement was discussed. RMcK advised that he may have the password.

Action: ESB to have a look at the web site.

8. Wildlife Issues: no update.

9. Maintenance Issues: it appears that lifting the top layer of turf with a spade may be practical means of preparing the mining bee beds. It is still proposed that we prepare the beds in September at the end of the season.

See above for the Committee's position re the ornamental beds and the lack of proper maintenance of them.

The Oswald Clock is again no longer working.

10. Litter & Bins: no update.

11. Finance and Membership: there have been 8 renewals and one new member since the last Committee meeting.

In addition to the funds held by FoVP for specific projects, e.g. the Fossil Grove Fernery and those needed for general running costs e.g. insurance, there is £1K> of society funds that we agreed should be put to good effect.

Action: GH to price iron benches; RMCK to cost notice boards.

12. AOCB, Whiteinch Library, Burgh Hall Campaign & National Park City: no update.
13. Date of Next Meeting: 07/09/2022, 7.30 pm at BS's home, 3/1, 895 Dumbarton Road.