



Friends of Victoria Park, Glasgow

Minutes of our Committee Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29th June 2022

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

1. Apologies: Maggie McTernan.
Present: Elizabeth Brown (EB), Robert McKay (RMck), Gail Herrigan (GH), Linda Whiteside (LW), David Webster (DW), Joyce Craig (JC), Robert Mellish, Ben Shepherd (BS) & Michael Herrigan (MH).
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting: proposed by GH and seconded by JC.
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.)

There have been no further updates with regard to PMGC.

We have not yet had another meeting with GCC to formalise our relationship regarding the Participation Request. We may have to re-think our approach to the process, if GCC continue to stall.

Thornhill Community Council may be re-joining. We anticipate that JCC will re-start at some future point and perhaps resume engagement with VPCT.

Kevin McCormack is said to be taking the lead regarding the dirt track. There is to be a meeting with John Fern, which he facilitated. The anticipated time scale is one month for design and two for procurement. It will be October before finalisation of these phases, after which works may commence.

Ground works for the Outdoor Gym may form part of the same works.

The Fossil Grove Trust is forming a one tier SCIO. It has been proposed that VPCT will nominate two Trustees.

With regard to PMGC and works to the Fossil House, Stephen Blanchflower is our main point of engagement at present.

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

9th July 10 am is the next proposed volunteer day. MH gave his apologies.

Action: GH to contact AS regarding Glasgow University volunteers.

5. FoVP Action Plan Subgroup: no update.
6. Events: Doors Open Days other ideas/suggestions

The committee is keen on Ranger led walks.

Actions: MH to contact Jimmy Heus to obtain date. Trees is a suggested topic & BS.

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.

7. Communications: including a presentation from Robert Mellish; website, facebook, Twitter and newsletter

RM advised that RMK and he were Administrators and that Ada Scarott (AS) was a moderator. The committee was happy for this arrangement but with the addition of Joyce as a moderator.

RMK advised of his desire for greater Committee involvement in decision making and policy regarding FB.

A comms EGM is still under discussion

Actions: RMcK & RM, JC to be made a moderator; RMCK to raise engagement with the Committee & GH to circulate ideas for Comms EGM.

8. Wildlife issues: with especial regard to anti-social behavior and abuse of swans.

The Committee expressed their dismay at the recent spate of wildlife crime regarding our Swans. It does not appear that the perpetrators will be identified.

EB advised that difficulties in organising the work of NRS teams was a cause of problems controlling glysohate use.

Action: BS to press the Clyde Bat Group for a date for the proposed walk & MH to put Swan poster in the notice boards.

Action: RMCK to contact NRS park team manager Brian

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

The Oswald Clock is now working. It is proposed that we prepare the beds in September at the end of the season.

10. Litter and bins:

Action: RMcK to contact Martin Neal of NRS

11. Finance and Membership:

GH advised of 3 more members since the last meeting. Membership is currently 93.

We have a healthy surplus of funds.

Action: GH to price hoops for bin bags and litter pickers & RMCK to cost notice boards.

12. AOCB, Whiteinch Library, Burgh Hall Campaign & National Park City: no update.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 27th July 7.30 pm at BS's home, 3/1, 895 Dumbarton Road.