

Friends of Starbank Park

Minute of Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10th October 2017

Present: Graham Buckley, Jenny Dixon, Stan Dunlop, Vikki Floyd, Janet McArthur, Christine Shepherd

Apologies: Rhona Else

Anna Dobie had indicated that, due to work commitments, she needed to resign from the committee. **Janet** would send a token of thanks for her service on the committee. It was suggested that Barbara be asked to join the committee (**Janet**).

1. Minutes of meeting on 6.6.17

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 3: Plans for Viewpoint

Ritchie had indicated that it would be good if the signage were in line with other waterfront displays. The Council have display boards that could possibly be used. **Graham** to liaise with Alastair and Ritchie. There was also a contact at the Botanics who might be able to help with the signage.

Item 4: Tesco bags of help funding

£1250 had been received from Tesco for the tool store.

Item 5: It's your neighbourhood 2017

Starbank Park had been highly praised and had scored 97%

Item 9: Police Box (Tardis) for library

Ian Rankin was unable to be present to open the Tardis. **Christine** to approach Sue Lawrence to see if she might do the opening at the Easter Egg hunt on Friday 28 March 2018. Failing her, Eleanor Bird might be invited.

6. Toilets

Graham to chase James to do the roof repairs.

7. George's Shed

Dismantling to go ahead.

3. Treasurer's report

Graham reported that the current balance was £1300. Bob McAlister had been contacted to see if the Council would contribute towards the cost of the toilets, but no response as yet. £1250 still to come from Tesco but this was earmarked for the tool shed.

4. Update on gardening

Shrub roses had been proposed by Jen for the rose beds – they are fragrant and create an impact. **Graham** circulated a sheet setting out possible changes to

flower beds and it was recommended that the sheet be put on the bothy wall for all volunteers to see and also to add any further ideas.

5. Arrangements for Hallowe'en Party

Posters had been distributed. Janet had sent round an e-mail itemising all the activities/stalls (biscuit and cake decorating, craft, face painting, planting, spooky story telling, dookin', jeeps) and suggesting volunteers to do them.

Teas/coffees/home baking: **Tis** would help

It was suggested that mulled wine might be served as there are stocks of red wine left over. **Christine** undertook to make the mulled wine provided that a portable electric ring was available. **Stan's friend, Christine**, to be asked to do the costume judging (3 categories: 3-5; 6-10; adults). **Committee** to carve pumpkins – **Janet** to supply templates. More apples needed. Set up on 28th from 1pm. Tables from Wardie – **Graham** to collect at 8.30am. Gate: **Alastair, Heather, Graham, Janet; Nigel** to take money.

6. AOB

- a) Volunteer drive needed – poster to be produced, advertising coffee, tea, chat as well as gardening.
- b) TCV had been in touch with Graham as the volunteers enjoy coming to the park. Graham had explained that the £100 a visit was an issue, and the contact had agreed to discuss with HQ and get back to Graham
- c) Graham reported that he had timber for the construction of raised beds – 7' x 4'. Ritchie had recommended hard standing beds, and they would be used for vegetable growing.
- d) Voting:
 - Skipton Building Society – voting closes 13 October
 - Aviva – voting closes mid-October
 - It's your park
- e) Future dates:
 - Wreath making 9 December £25
 - Christmas Lunch 13 December 1pm Old Chain Pier
 - Easter Egg Hunt 30 March 2018, am
 - Japanese Tea 6 May 2018, 2pm

7. Date of next meeting: tba – some time in November