

Friends of Starbank Park

Minute of Committee Meeting

Monday, 20 February 2017

Present: Graham Buckley, Jenny Dixon, Anna Dobie, Stan Dunlop, Rhona Else, Vikki Floyd, Janet McArthur, Christine Shepherd

Janet welcomed Jenny and Stan to their first committee meeting, and reported that she had sent an e-mail to Sandy thanking him for all his work as a committee member.

1. Minutes of meeting on 14.11.16 and matters arising

Minutes accepted as an accurate record.

- A hand over meeting had been held in December and tasks had been allocated to Graham, Janet and Christine. Alastair was continuing to do certain tasks, e.g. Facebook
- Wreath making – very successful; some materials in stock for 2017; **lessons for 2017:** keep back materials for afternoon session; £25 to be charged; orders for wreaths – make up before the wreath making day; consider splitting up the two sessions – very tiring to do one straight after the other

2. Easter Egg Hunt

Christine had applied for permission from Council and informed Ritchie.

- **Publicity** – 25 posters – **Janet** to produce, using previous year's poster as template; **Christine** offered to help with laminating; posters to be distributed to schools, put on bus stops etc.
- **Eggs** – **Christine** had written to local supermarkets requesting donations of eggs; **Janet** to buy eggs from Lidl;
- **Activities** – area for younger children; best bonnet competition; races; craft stall; plant stall; face painting; refreshments (with Easter themed home baking); decorate park with bunting and balloons (make sure there are balloon pumps!); potted primulas for sale; **Janet** – to get stall holders; **Christine** to organise baking; **Anna** to look after teas/coffees; **Jenny** to act as runner to make sure stall holders get refreshments
- **Price:** £3 per child; donation boxes at face painting and refreshments

3. Treasurer's report

Graham reported that there was £2000 in FOS account. £300 had been received from My Park Scotland, but this was ring-fenced for the Nature Trail. A circular would be sent round members reminding about subs and giving electronic details for payment. FOS financial position was healthy, but events were needed to keep it that way.

4. Update on gardening and future plans

- **Herbaceous border:** following on consultation at a Wednesday morning gardening session, it had been decided on a height down plan; Graham circulated a plan for the first section – 9x4 metres deep, with 5 clumps, comprising hollyhocks, delphiniums, irises, scabious, peonies and geraniums; **Janet** to get delphiniums and peonies (Binny); the development of the border would be over 2 years and a bark path would be laid to give gardeners access to the back of the border; board to be constructed giving information about what is happening in the border; ideas to be borrowed from other community parks. Phase 1 of border to be planted out end of March. Volunteering groups to be approached for help in developing the border – **Jenny** undertook to investigate.
- **Information/viewpoint boards at north end of park** – **Janet** to find out further details from Alastair.
- **Nature trail notice boards:** **Graham** circulated information sheets about the various Hans Christian Andersen tales featured in the Nature trail and informed the committee that he would construct boards for them to be displayed – hopefully to be in place by the time of the Easter Egg Hunt.

5. AOB

- **Power of food** – it was agreed that FOS should take part in this; it was a worldwide movement and had great support from politicians. The possibility of a sample plot on a raised bed was discussed; liaison with Council needed over this.
- **Open Garden** – Sunday 18th June (substitute for 2016 cherry blossom event); **Janet** to inform Jen
- **Trinity Community Gala** – Sunday 27th August; Lomond Park, 1-3.30; FOS to have a stall
- **Christmas lunch** – Wednesday 13 December, 1-2.30pm; Janet to book OCP
- Opening up **Starbank toilets** for events being pursued with Council

6. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 28 March 2017, 7.30pm, Old Chain Pier