

FOBP COMMITTEE MEETING (ZOOM)
TUE 24 Nov. 18.00

Present:

Kim Lumley – co chair

David March – co chair

Zahir Anwar – treasurer

Committee members: Elizabeth Dobbie, Ivor Evans, Helen Blairman, Geraldine Anwar, Kate Mabey, Don Arthur, David Williamson

Apologies: Sue Younger

Agenda items:

1. **Skatepark** - the majority of the committee are broadly supportive but voiced some concerns about scale and scope. Points raised included:

- Location in park
- Impact on other priorities – e.g., Children's playground
- Timescale of the project

Action: formally adopt 'support of the skatepark project' onto our Action Plan 2020/21.

Action: ask the group leading the project to proceed with their exploration of the options.

Action: Ivor to act as liaison for committee.

2. **Damage to Sports field** – from the visit by Zippos circus. Over six weeks later damage has still not dealt with. KL has been in contact with LBE officers but there has been no response yet.

Action: KL to contact Hakema again and if no response is forthcoming from Marcus Harvey, escalate the issue by email, copying in local Councillors and the lead member for parks.

3. **Secretarial post** – Derek Honor and David Williamson put their names forward for the post and committee voted to ask DW to fill the post.

Action: DW to assume duties of secretary

Action: KL to write to Derek Honor with thanks and give him the committee's decision.

4. **Mural on sports field changing room wall** – Committee discussed a posting on the FOBP Facebook group by Penny Austin, showing the current state of site. Points arising included:

- The Greenery café are already looking at how to get an artist to create a work at that location;
- How to engage young people in the creation of these murals
- How we can progress the issue

Action: KL to ask Penny Austin look at options for mural and liaise with the Greenery also having one.

Action: Penny to work up ideas and join committee on a co-opted basis with feedback.

5. **Netball changing rooms** – Discussion about the league wanting to get netball running again after resurfacing of court. The current layout and condition of the changing room and toilets make compliance with COVID guidelines difficult. The netball committee believe that they meet the criteria for a grant of up to £25k from Sport England to improve the facilities and layout and they have a meeting tomorrow evening with the England Netball Facilities Manager to discuss how to proceed with the application

Action: KL and DM to meet Maria Mitchell tomorrow morning to discuss in more detail.

6. **Trees:** Committee discussed a number of items on trees, including:
- The FoBP have authorised Lyndon Read, the council Tree Officer, to proceed with planting three replacement willows around the ponds. The trees are being provided and planted at 'cost', watering and long-term management will be undertaken by FoBP at a saving of £600. The total cost will be £610.86
 - Enfield Soc have a variety of interesting trees for transplanting to Broomfield in new year. DM has visited the site and agreed on a selection for planting in Broomfield Park after further discussion with Lyndon.
 - ED to be included in meeting with Lyndon to discuss trees within the walled garden.

Action: DM to liaise and keep committee updated on progress

7. **Walled Gardens.** Elizabeth provided an email briefing before the meeting on the work being done by the horticultural group. Some points raised in discussion were:

- the impact of both volunteer work
- the benefits and shortcomings of LB Enfield staff
- protecting flower beds while they become established
- longer term changes in park staff

8. **AOB** Elizabeth raised an issue of conservatory window cleaning and will be following up with the council.

9. **Finance** subgroup notes and AGM notes circulated

Action: Committee to read and raise any comments with KL.

Meeting closed 18:40