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Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park)

27th January 2010 6.30 pm in the Art Gallery

Present - Walter Turner (chair) Robert Everiss (Project Officer)
Carol Moore (treasurer) Owen Moore (volunteer) Cllr Walter Jones,
Linda Wilkins (secretary) Susan Davies (Whitby in Bloom)
Chris Roe (SBC) Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Joy Huish, Kath Horsley, Kath Wood
(volunteers) Ann Dennier (Lit & Phil) Christiane Kroebel (Lit & Phil)
Paul Wood (Park Ranger) Gwyn Davies, Bob Bennett, Kim Peacock,
Paul Burnell, Bill Conn, Barbara Coop, David Stanning, Jen Stanning

Apologies -

Cllr Marie Harland, Cllr Joe Plant, Cllr Mike Ward (SBC)

27 Minutes of the Open Meeting 14th September 2009

The minutes were agreed correct, proposed Gill Wood, seconded Anne Dennier.

28 Matters arising

A second CCTV camera has now been installed and is working.
The noise survey took place during October half term week but nothing has been heard about the results.

29 Minutes of the Management committee meetings 24th September, 22nd October, 24th November

The minutes were presented to the meeting. They had all been made available on the website.

30 Project Officers report

Robert Everiss reported on progress.

- Progress on site by John Hellens Ltd has been hampered by poor weather during December and January. In December an extension of the contract period was granted under the terms of the contract until 25 January 2010, however further poor weather led to more delay. Good progress is now being made and the majority of the construction work will be completed during the second week of February 2010.
- The contractor is currently focusing on landscape construction work in the Community Garden area and re-surfacing work to the main driveway and Museum car park. "Snagging" works are progressing throughout the park, with the finishing touches being made to the Lily Pool and Jurassic Garden.
- Following a competitive tendering process the main order for supply of shrubs has been placed with Boningdale nurseries. The first of four deliveries, approximately 1,400 shrubs, is expected on 15 February 2010. Herbaceous plants for the beds in front of the Museum have already arrived. Planting will proceed throughout the winter and into the spring as ground conditions allow.
- The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) have agreed to an extension of the Project Officer's contract until May 2010 to cover the end of the construction contract period and the planting works. The dedicated Park Keeper and gardener for Pannett Park have been appointed from Monday 1 Feb. An area Parks Officer for Whitby will follow shortly, and subject to final confirmation of funding from Whitby Town Council, a Pannett Park apprentice gardener will be recruited.
- This week an application will be made to the Green Flag award scheme. This is a national accreditation scheme for parks and open spaces, based on desk-top scoring of a management plan, and a judge's visit to the Park in June. The accreditation is based on 8 quality and management criterion. Gaining a green flag award is a condition of the HLF Parks for people award for the restoration of Pannett Park.
- The Friends of Pannett Park, in partnership with Scarborough Borough Council and Whitby Museum, are organising a grand Pannett Park re-opening event on Wednesday 2 June 2010. The theme for the event will be Whitby in the 1920s. Please could any individuals or groups wishing to participate contact either a member of the management committee, or the project Officer.

31 Volunteer's Report

Gill Wood reported on the activities of the volunteers over the last six Months. Routine maintenance took place during the summer months. Borders were then prepared for the new planting. There were visits to Rogers Roses and Thorpe Perrow Arboretum. The Friends had displays at Sleights Show and the Family Feste and took part in "Tree O'Clock" by planting four cherry trees. Gardening hours were down last year, from 1377 hours in 2008 to 933 in 2009, partly due to bad weather and also due to other commitments such as site meetings. New planting will be starting soon and a lot of help will be needed.

Carol Moore (Treasurer) reported that the Family Feste made £42.40 and £33 from St Bart's Jet Group. A grant of £300 had been received from Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank to purchase event equipment. The raffle at the very successful Christmas event covered the costs. Insurance for 2010 will be £190.

32 Police Report

There was no Police presence at the meeting as Inspector Dave Barf has recently left and been replaced by Inspector Mark Grange.

Paul Wood, Park Ranger, reported that the Park was visited two to three times a week and there had been no problems over the winter months.

The Park Rangers are in regular contact with the police.

The Park Rangers have recently been given redundancy notices, in order to save money, so the service will go. The meeting agreed FPP should make representation to SBC about the consequences of the loss of this service. The Park Ranger service is part of the "Green Flag Award".

Walter Turner to write to SBC.

Paul Wood generously volunteered his services as safety officer for the re-opening of the park on 2nd June.

33 Introduction of new Head Gardener

Tony Dominiak retires this month after 40 years with SBC. Walter Turner paid tribute to Tony's work in the park and his support of FPP and expressed the appreciation of the Friends. Chris Roe was introduced to the meeting as the new "Park Keeper"

34 Any Other Business

1. A collection was made to send to the Haiti relief fund - £111 was raised. An email had been received from a Friend who works with the UN in Haiti.

2. FPP January newsletter is now available on the website. It will be delivered around the area of the park and also put in central locations.

3. Walter Turner attended a presentation about the proposed park and ride scheme. A bus stop near the park is being considered. Cllr. Joe Plant had sent information about a proposal for a bus stop at the present bus stop at the bottom of St Hilda's Terrace. Cllr. Walter Jones, a member of the traffic partnership, informed the meeting that a number of councillors want a bus stop near the park and also tourist information, about a range of attractions in Whitby, at the park and ride site.

35 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2010 6.30 in the Art Gallery

Robert Everiss will give a presentation about the work in the Park.

The second part of the meeting was a talk about the history of Pannett Park, by Anne Dennier, which the audience found thoroughly enjoyable and interesting. Thanks were expressed to Anne for her work in researching the history of the Park.



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