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Mrs C. Moore



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

20th April 2011 6.30 pm in the Art Gallery

Present - Owen Moore (in the chair) Chris Roe (SBC)
Linda Wilkins (secretary) Carol Moore (treasurer) Gill Wood, Ron Wood,
Walter Turner, Kath Horsley, Kath Wood, Joy Huish, Linda Sims, Bob Bennett,
Tony Dominiak, Anne Dennier (volunteers)

Apologies - Joe Plant, Keith Wright.

28 Minutes of the Open Meeting 26th January 2011
The minutes were agreed correct.

29 Minutes of the Management committee meetings
5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March 2011.
The minutes were presented to the meeting. They had all been made
available on the website.
In future agendas for Management Committee meetings will be sent to all
volunteers so that they are aware of what is being discussed and can
question committee members.

30 Area Park Officer's Report
Chris Roe reported -

- Watering has been necessary 3 or 4 days a week, particularly for new planting
- Rockery planting is now complete
- Poor quality plants have been replaced by the suppliers
- Roses, supplied by Cockers of Aberdeen, are all now planted. Numbers of new bushes planted equal number lost from the beds on the sweep.

There are two new beds outside the park entrance, including standards, new standards on the terrace and new roses for scent behind the seats overlooking the sweep.

- The apprentice is ahead of schedule to complete his NVQ level 2. An apprentice for next year is being recruited.
- Chris Bourne, SBC, has clarified the financial situation relating to the HLF budget. Money for training, interpretation, marketing and events for the next ten years is being managed by SBC and is ring fenced for the project.
- There is approximately £100,000 remaining in the contingency fund. Ideas suggested by volunteers will be discussed at the next Management Committee meeting and forwarded to Chris Bourne to submit to HLF for approval.

Questions and discussion followed -

Can the Union Steps rockery planting be reviewed? Yes

Should we consider drought resistant plants? Yes

Environmental issues - shredding and composting?

4 brown bins now in the park and grass clippings being used in the park

Encourage wild life habitats, eg log piles? Yes

Can “water for birds” be an agenda item for the next open meeting?

31 Police Report

No representative of the police was able to be at the meeting.

Chris Roe reported vandalism to a seat near the lily pool, which should be replaced before the lily planting on 14th May. He explained how the restorative justice system is being used with young offenders in the park.

32 Date of next meeting

Monday 20th June 2011 6.30 in the Art Gallery AGM

After the business part of the meeting Simon Hill of Hill and sons nurserymen, Stokesley gave a talk about his work with shrubs and trees. He explained the air pot system and described some unique topiary. He made a generous donation of a Syringa and a Sambuca for the park.