

Report of the Annual General meeting of the **FRIENDS OF PANNETT PARK (including Little Park)** held in Pannett Art Gallery, Pannett Park, Whitby on Monday 22nd June 2009 at 6.30pm.

Present:- W Turner (in the Chair), Mr R Everiss, Cllr J Plant, Cllr Mrs Harland (Scarborough Borough Council), Cllr W Jones, Cllr Mrs H Coughlan, Cllr Mrs A Smith, Cllr Smith (Whitby Town Council) with Mrs M Degazon, R Wood, Mrs G Wood, Mrs K Horsley, Mrs K Wood, Miss J Huish, O Moore, Mrs C Moore, Mrs G Tidy, D Stanway, Mrs J Stanway, N Whiteley, Mrs W Whiteley, Mr J Smith, Mrs L Williamson, Mr R Curtis (volunteers/Residents).
+ other Friends, Volunteers & Members of the public who did not sign in (total approximately 40 people)

Apologies:- for inability to attend were received from Cllrs Dr and Mrs Daniels (Whitby Town Council), Mrs S Davies (Whitby in Bloom), Cllr Mrs D Clegg, Mr T Dominiak, Mr J Woodhead (Scarborough Borough Council), M Kilpatrick, Miss L Wilkins, Richard

1. **CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED that WALTER TURNER be and he is hereby elected Chairman of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) for the ensuing year.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Open Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) held on 30th March 2009, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management Committee held on 22nd April 2009 and 18th May 2009 be received.

4. **VICE-CHAIRMAN**

A vote was taken as to whether the position of Vice-Chairman be voted on by secret ballot or show of hands - 10/12 in favour of a show of hands.

RESOLVED that Councillor WALTER JONES be and he is hereby appointed Vice-Chairman of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) for the ensuing year.

5. **CONSTITUTION**

It was agreed that the following changes be made to the constitution of the Friends of Pannett Park.

Management Committee:

- A) In the Management Committee section paragraph A is altered so that the word secretary replaces clerk so the same title is used throughout in the constitution.
- B) The Management committee section paragraph B is altered so that the first sentence reads ‘ The management committee shall be elected at the AGM and shall consist of 2 trustees, 2 members of Scarborough Borough Council, 6 Volunteers/friends of Pannett Park (including the Treasurer and Secretary) and 1 member of Whitby in Bloom, all of whom have one vote.

6. MANAGEMENT GROUP

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs Coughlan, W Jones (Whitby Town Council), Mrs Harland, and J Plant (Scarborough Borough Council) with Mrs S Davies (Whitby in Bloom), W Turner, Joy Huish and O Moore (Friends of Pannett Park) Miss Wilkins (Secretary) and Mrs Wood Treasurer be appointed to the management group of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) for the ensuing year.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report given by the Treasurer was received.

8. VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Mrs Wood gave a report on behalf of the Volunteers informing the meeting that 5,420 volunteer hours had been carried out in total within the park on gardening activities alone without the additional hours spent planning and attending meetings as well as running events, activities and fund raising.

An appeal was given for more volunteers to help the group especially in alternative ways such as – fund raising/promoting the group/training and events organisation.

Members were made aware of the educational visits to places of horticultural excellence and the 12 week gardening course.

The volunteers enjoyed working with Sleights Cubs on the re-planting of the border on St Hilda’s Terrace, and with the students from Rawmarsh community college building and installing obelisks in the commemorative rose bed.

9. PROJECT OFFICERS REPORT

Prior to leaving the meeting Cllr Plant informed all present that he had received an e.mail from the Leader of the Council with assurances that the implementation of the management structure would be a priority.

Mr Everiss submitted a report informing the meeting of the work carried out on the park to the present day from the award of the HLF bid in December 2008, the tree management work, the appointment of the contractors, the creation of the play area and the works being carried out on the footpath network, the lily pond area and the front terrace.

The opening of the play area will take place on Wednesday 5th August 2009 which will coincide with National Play Day.

A list of dates and venues of activities until October 2009 was circulated.

The Chairman thanked Mr Everiss for his continued hard work and dedication to the project.

10. PLAY AREA

Residents from St. Hilda's Terrace aired concerns regarding the potential volume of noise and visual impact which could be emanated from groups of children playing on the play equipment within the park.

The chair stated that the Friends are willing to work with residents of St Hilda's Terrace to resolve any issues.

It was suggested that more mature trees and shrubs be planted to offer a screen to reduce noise in this area and the planting of beech to fill in the gaps in the hedge. It is not an appropriate time to plant trees and shrubs, this will take place from September on. The Project Officer offered to look into installing irrigation tubing to ensure the long term survival of large trees and shrubs.

The Chair suggested the planting of street trees in the verges along St Hilda's Terrace as a secondary screen. The Project Officer agreed to contact North Yorkshire County Council to investigate the feasibility of this.

The Project Officer informed the meeting that it was generally accepted that following the initial excitement surrounding a play area opening it's use and noise gradually subsides, but everybody would work with the residents to overcome these difficulties.

Although the Police were aware of the problems, it was reiterated that members of the public should ring the Police Station to report any anti social incidents which may take place within the park. It was agreed that the Police be invited to attend the next Open Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park.

The Project Officer agreed to contact the residents of St. Hilda's Terrace to inform them of progress.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The AGM of the Friends of Pannett Park (inc. Little Park) will be held in Pannett Art Gallery, Pannett Park, at 6.30pm on Monday 21st June 2010.

The date of the next open meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (inc. Little Park) will be held in Pannett Art Gallery on at 6.30pm on Monday 14th September 2009.