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Minutes of the meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 5th October 2011 2 pm in the Normanby Room

Present - Joe Plant, Linda Wilkins, Chris Roe, Kath Horsley, Linda Sims.
Roger Burnett, Sheila Johnson (SBC).
Gill Wood, Bob Bennett were welcomed to the meeting.

- 1 Apologies - Owen Moore, Carol Moore, Joy Huish, Heather Coughlan, Susan Davies, Marie Harland, Chris Bourne.
Dennis Collins is no longer a WTC representative.
New representative to be decided at next WTC meeting
- 2 Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 7th September 2011
The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website .
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
 - a) Jurassic Garden interpretation board - draft received from Marcus Byron & circulated. All enthusiastic. Marcus hopes to visit soon to discuss positioning.
 - b) Websites on which Pannett Park features - SJ is working on updating these & checking there is no cost implication.
 - c) Display boards - one set has arrived & CR has ordered a second set.
 - d) ID badges - CR to investigate prices.
 - e) Euonymous replacement - Friends to purchase next month.
 - f) Apprentice - Gary leaves on Friday. Presentation of gifts today at 1.30 pm.
New apprentice recruitment in progress.
 - g) Website as been updated & new sections added.
 - h) MC meeting for June - Thursday 7th June
(Wednesday not possible because of visit by Yorkshire gardening Trust)
 - i) Touch up paint for park furniture - CR to inform RB of colour & he will get a tin of quick drying paint.
 - j) Litter bin for museum entrance - contact WTC
Recycling bins - don't usually work in parks as they are too easily contaminated
- 4 Communication

Letter from Whitby DAG asking for placement for volunteer.
Letter from Lord Normanby offering a Christmas tree for the park but saying he is unable to be here to switch on the lights.
British Ecological Society centenary in 2013 offering sponsorship for events - all agreed we can't apply for this.
Thanks from Susan Davies for FPP contribution to Britain in Bloom - large box of chocolates gratefully received.
Forms received from WTC to nominate Susan Davis for Honorary Citizenship.

Lynne Butler requests help on 19th October for clean up of Stakesby Beck, 8 to 2.

5. Treasurer's report
No report this month.

6. Area Park Officer's Report
Chris Roe reported -
Mulch on all beds will be topped up over the winter.
The Lily Pool lights are on the maintenance programme. The pump for the fountain can't be accessed until late October because of wild life concerns. The replacement seat is still with the insurers.
Contingency spend has been approved for replacing the rose beds & herbaceous borders in front of the museum and for improving the Harry Eatough bed.
Quotes have been requested for adding to the time line and two plaques.
The lower, middle & upper Jurassic stones are now difficult to read.
The spring bedding is ready & will need to replace the current bedding soon.
Damage to the main gate & pillar caused by a Millfield Haulage vehicle has been assessed. They will be paying for the repairs.
Hellens are now of site & local firms will be approached to complete the work.

7. Yorkshire in Bloom & Britain in Bloom
The park was awarded a Silver Gilt in Yorkshire in Bloom. All agreed to enter again next year. Roger Burnett will request that the park does not get the same judge again. Suggested that a copy of the portfolio be left at Whitby TIC.
Whitby was awarded a Gold in Britain in Bloom. The park was nominated by the judge for a discretionary award however Edinburgh Botanic Garden won the park category.

8. Training
A short course on event planning & basic first aid is planned for early 2012.
Five Saturday morning gardening training sessions are also planned for the spring. These will run in conjunction with Community Education & will first be offered to the Friends before being offered more widely.

9. Horticultural sub-group
Suggested a small horticultural group be set up to develop horticultural excellence & to meet monthly & report back to the Management committee. Could select suitable visits & incorporate the Community Garden. Chris Roe, Keith Wright, Gill Wood, Linda Sims & invite Owen Moore.

10. Pannett Park leaflets
All agreed a Pannett Park leaflet is needed. Ideas & samples of other leaflets for next meeting.

11. Events in the Park

- a) Odd Socks Theatre Company, Julius Caesar - CR to investigate with SBC
- b) Open Meeting - Wednesday 19th October. New police inspector has accepted invitation to attend. Whitby Naturalists will give a talk.
- c) Photography competition - 40 entries in adult class, 28 in childrens & 4 in manipulated image. Thanks to Mike Shaw & Sid Weatherill for judging & to Kath Horsley for organising. John Freeman will present the certificates at the Halloween event. The childrens' certificates will be presented during an Airy Hill School assembly. Also a trophy for the school. Report to be written for Whitby

Gazette. Winners have been notified & their entries will be placed on the park website.

- d) Diabetes event - an awareness day with the road show vehicle is planned for next year.
 - e) Halloween - Initial suggestions had been circulated to committee members. Permission to hold the event has been given by Chris Roe. Invitation to planning meeting 10 am, 14th October. All agreed St John Ambulance be asked to cover first aid at the event.
 - f) Gardener's Question Time -all agreed to continue with application although the capacity of the Art Gallery is less than the 150 - 200 required by the BBC.
 - g) Christmas - details discussed & agreed - invite Keith Wright to turn on the lights. Ask John Woodhead about connecting the lights. Need to know the number of children to buy presents for them. Need Father Christmas. Faith supper to be planned nearer the time. Possibly tombola rather than raffle. Possibly a lucky dip.
 - h) Goth weekend 2012 - discussions are taking place.
12. Friends social events
Celebration - Passage to India, 14th October, 7 pm.
Christmas dinner - investigate possibility of Park cafe (£12.50 per head)
Bring our own wine.
13. AOB
RB has teak oil for benches.

Date of next meetings - Wednesday 2nd November 2011 in the Normanby Room
2011 - 1st Wednesday of every month



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