

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 7th February 2018 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



Present - Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Anne Noble, Linda Sims, Kath Horsley, Sheila Johnson, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Keith Wright.

1. Apologies - Chris Roe

2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting
3rd January 2018.

The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) CTV cameras - with SBC.
- b) Time line cleaning & new stones - RB spoke to Rob Rymer requesting quote.
- c) SBC are investigating repairs to the structure of the Mayflower.
- d) Compass rose in commemorative garden - quote from Wilf Noble, £4400.
All agreed to go ahead with this.
- e) Defibrillator for the park - WTC have offered £250 & Whitby Lions have offered an additional contribution. All agreed to HLF funding be used to contribute, approx. £300.
Waiting for permission from WTC to fix to wall.
- f) First aid training - February - will be offered on 2 Tuesdays
- g) Captain Cook clock banner - with VS
- h) Clock celebration board - with VS
- i) Bagdale notice board locks - to replace
- j) Data protection act - Agreed changes have been implemented
New membership form agreed
Volunteer action plan will need updating
- k) Wisteria support - metal hoop is completed. To fix to post.
- l) Great British Spring Clean - Tuesday 6th March, 9 to 12, registered.
- m) Little Free Library - JCF have been instructed to start work.
Friends of Falsgrave Park gave info on hinges.
Due diligence form submitted to Aviva for £300.

4. Communication

CR - NYMNP asking about including the park in the Captain Cook trail celebrating the anniversary. Confirmed info.

LW - MS relating to Conservation Plan update. Photos sent, thanks to KW.
Thanked on behalf of FPP.
Tripadvisor comment relating to museum, forwarded.

RB - Request from Whitby Nats to share info about plastics film.
Emails from Kate Ravilious & Sarah Dixon re harmonograph.
All agreed, as previously decided, that the sculpture would not really fit in the park & there is nowhere suitable for it.

GW - Regular contact with the Friends of Morpeth Floral Clock re progress.

5. SBC Report

In future the SBC report will be in two parts.
KW will report on matters relating to the day to day running of the park.
CR will report on policy matters.

The audit of bins continues.
All agreed the problems need resolving before the summer.

Poetry in the park - ongoing project.
The cottage area project is progressing. Materials are ready to start the stonework.
Great British Bird Watch - GS completed it on 29th January. Data submitted to RSPB.
Looking at options for a water bottle filling point, with WTC.

RT, apprentice, has completed his qualification at Askham Bryan.
Congratulations to be sent from FPP.

Investigating the possibility of “replacing” the four gas lights that were features on the terrace. Not necessarily actual lights.

Request that the dog warden be asked to review the signs & replace as necessary.

6. Health & Safety

The new fence in Little Park needs cross pieces fitting.
Also a section is missing, to be completed.

7. Horticulture

Notes from horticulture sub group meeting, 6th Feb -
Little park has had new plants introduced, Hebe, Acuba, Prostrate Yew, thanks to SBC.
The missing cherry on Chubb Hill is to be replaced.
Herb garden, LW, & Veg bed, SH, to continue. Spare veg plants welcome.
Cephalaria Gigantae (Giant Scabious) to be lifted from the main border and replaced with Veronicastrum Alba (White Veronica).

Ideas were discussed for the museum borders to give some shelter to the base of the new climbers.

Japanese Anemones will be moved and transplanted at the back.

Acuba Japonica (Spotted Laurel) offered by SBC to plant behind the oak shelter at the Lily Pool.

The Lily Pool will have its annual clean in February. No crested newts reported. The rose beds need composted manure. All agreed FPP purchase 2 bags @ £50 each. Union Steps rockery is the next major project. Agreed to apply to Aviva for funding. Also to apply to Cllr Plant's NYCC locality budget.

Additional wire has been attached to the museum wall to support Wisteria. Work has started on a Wisteria support for the main drive.

8. Maintenance

Bird box cleaning in hand - WT

WTC have agreed to have the original air con units painted to match the new ones.

New Yorkshire flag purchased.

The white background for the numbers on the clock face needs attention.

KW working on this.

Agreed to consider an alternative metal construction for the numbers.

9. Publicity

WADS programmes 2018 advert sent, £50 for half page.

Park & Ride bus 2018 advert sent, £200 + VAT, reduction for returning customers.

To be split 1/3 each between museum, art gallery & park.

Minutes of the JMG had been circulated. They asked if the play area had a name & for clarification as to how it was described.

Funding for the lamp post banners is being investigated through NYMNP.

An article about Morpeth Floral clock was on BBC news, including an image of the Pannett Park clock.

Facebook - 771 Likes. Max. post reaches 484, the team working.

Tripadvisor - 1 x 3* & 1 x 4* reviews

Google - 26 x 5*, 15 x 4*, 3 x 3*. Also 1 x 1* describing the park as being full of Chavs.

Leaflet exchanges this year are at Eden Camp, 13th March,
& Flowers of May, 20th March.

Whitby Museum are going to Eden Camp & we have asked if they will take park leaflets
Agreed to get a park table at Flowers of May & offer to take museum leaflets.

10. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

Green Heritage Site Award - MS has updated management plan & conservation plan.

Also written the 250 word statement needed for the application.

The portfolio will include a separate heritage section this year.

11. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £4829.93 in the bank.

£288 spent on spring bulbs.

£350 received from Whitby Lions towards purchase of defibrillator.

14. Friend's events

All agreed to invite JP, in his official capacity as Borough Mayor, to Pannett Day.

Ideas sheet needed for new decorations for Christmas tree.

Price needed for additional lights for park Christmas tree.

Easter in the park is the next event.

Events sub group to meet, 1st March 2 pm.

Agreed to have book & plant stalls & usual games.

Also an activity for children to plant beans to take away to grow.

To check Bloom have been invited to Easter & Pannett Day.

Halloween event changed to Wednesday 31st October. SJA, SBC, PNSA informed.

12. Friend's social events

Breakfast at the Penny Hedge was excellent.

Fish & chips at Royal Fisheries after the open meeting, 28th March.

Possibly an afternoon tea somewhere?

13. Any other business

The committee had a celebratory chocolate cake in recognition of it being Alderman Pannett's birthday.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 7th March 2018