



Friends of Albert Road Recreation Ground & Play Area

**Management Committee Extra Ordinary Meeting
8 February 2017, 7:30pm in the Pavilion**

Membership of the Committee

Maria Beaumont
Matt Beaumont
Daniel Bridge (Fundraising)
Emma Burridge (Vice Chair)
Lucas Burridge
Victoria Casey Fierro (Vice Chair)*
John Chilton (Secretary)*
Jeremy Cornish (Treasurer)*
Katy Ferguson (Chair)*
Jim Harrison
Gianluca Lo Iacono (Webmaster)
Rob Mead*
Robby Sukhdeo (Events Co-ordinator)*
Kirstie Watkins*
Eddie Webb*
Louis Webster

* denotes Member present

Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 Katy welcomed everyone to the meeting. The start of the meeting was delayed to 7.40pm allow for any late arrivals.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence had been received from Jim and Gianluca.

2. Development of the Bowling Club House and Pavilion

- 2.1 The purpose of the meeting was to consider the development options for the Pavilion and former Bowling Club House.
- 2.2 Katy summarised the ownership/use position on the Bowling Club House as being:
 - it was owned by LBH
 - it could be used in conjunction with the Pavilion for community uses
 - there was no lease
 - no rental payments were being made
 - any development would have to be in partnership with LBH.
- 2.3 Victoria gave a brief report on the size, construction, and condition of the former bowling club house and the facilities and services available. In her opinion it required significant refurbishment and complete demolition and rebuild was also an option.

- 2.4 There was agreement that the future use of the former bowling club house should be ancillary to, or supporting of activities at, the Pavilion.
- 2.5 A number of different development proposals were discussed and it was agreed that the preferred option(s) should be written up and presented at the next meeting of the Committee for approval as follows:

Former bowling club house

- (a) To provide a heated activity room, accessible toilets, showers, and storage all within a refurbished building or new build sited within existing footprint.
- (b) Alternatively to remain as a storage area following minimal spend on refurbishment.

Pavilion

To provide additional conservatory type seating/community space, additional toilets, enlarged kitchen, additional showers and storage.

Bowling green "enclosure"

Upgrade bowling green with astro turf. Provide wildlife friendly areas, wild flowers/native species, bat boxes, bug hotels, hedge hog lodges. New viewing gallery along the rear of the pavilion.

Recreation Ground

Upgrade entrances and provide "assembly" area at APS entrance. Seek sponsorship for a "hot" African garden/planting around the Oliver Tambo memorial.

- 2.6 There was general agreement to progressing a single comprehensive development plan (as above) when seeking funding. John agreed to draw up an initial list of development proposals (para 2.5 above) and to consult all those present for errors and omissions before reporting it back to the next meeting of the Committee.

3 Date of next meetings

The Committee agreed to change the date of the next meeting to Monday 27 March 2017. It was also noted that the following meeting (April) had been scheduled for the school holidays and was put back by one week to Wednesday 26 April.

4. Other business

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chair closed the meeting.

Chair

Date