



Friends of Albert Road Recreation Ground & Play Area

Management Committee Meeting 17 July 2017, 7:30pm in the Pavilion

Membership of the Committee

Maria Beaumont

Matt Beaumont

Daniel Bridge (Fundraising)*

Emma Burridge (Vice Chair) (Apols)

Lucas Burridge (Communications) (Apols)

Victoria Casey Fierro (Vice Chair) (Apols)

John Chilton (Co-opted) (Secretary)*

Katy Ferguson (Chair)*

Jim Harrison *

Tony Healy

Gianluca Lo Iacono (Webmaster) (Apols)

Rob Mead (Apols)

Luis Pereiro (Co-opted) (Treasurer) (Apols)

Robby Sukhdeo (Pavilion Sports and Events Co-ordinator) (Apols)

Kirstie Watkins*

Eddie Webb (Apols)

Louis Webster

* Member present and where apologies received.

Minutes

1 Welcome and Apologies

1.1 Katy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies for absence noted as above.

1.3 Noted that the meeting was not quorate. John undertook to give advice as and when any specific issues arose during the meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3 Note of previous meetings - 14 June 2017

3.1 The notes of the meetings held on 14 June 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

4 Matters arising from the notes of the meeting on 14 June 2017

4.1 Noted that Luis and Jeremy were in contact with each other regarding paperwork required by the Co-op Bank.

4.2 **ACTION - Dan** to follow up with **Gianluca** concerning the funding (and permission to use the park) application to LBH for the September Jazz Festival. Noted that Dan had paperwork from previous applications.

- 4.3 **ACTION - Katy** to follow up with **Victoria** re photos for pétanque/bowling poster for Kirstie.
- 4.4 Noted log "steps" had been cut and placed in the pond enclosure.
- 4.5 Noted Kirstie now had key to park notice boards and that posters for action day at the pond had apparently helped to generate interest.
- 4.6 Noted that Pond Life UK were willing to work on installing a vinyl or butyl liner (as pond was still leaking) but would not meet the estimated cost of £15,000. **Katy AGREED** to investigate the possibility of Heritage Lottery Funding. Noted that the speed with which the pond was leaking appeared to be slowing. This was probably the result of constant topping up but John suggested that it could be the result of the clay lining self-sealing. Natural clay linings did have a self sealing property and this would probably be speeded up by gently agitating some of the clay into suspension when refilling.
AGREED - Kirstie to investigate the cost of a permanent sign in the play area to encourage parents to visit the pond enclosure and to advise Committee members by email. Subject to actual cost and the views of all Committee members, Kirstie to procure.
- 4.7 Attendance of Committee Members - in the absence of anything back from Matt and Maria, Jim said he would try to speak to them.
- 4.8 **AGREED - John** to place issue of splitting marketing and publicity functions on next agenda.

5 Reports of Officers

- 5.1 **AGREED** to ask absent officers to submit a written updating report.
- 5.2 Chair
- 5.2.1 Noted the generous donations of plants for the pond area by Sunshine Garden Centre and that Conservation Volunteers were prepared to support quarterly pond maintenance events. **AGREED** - to approach Sunshine GC for hedging plants in autumn.
ACTION - Kirstie to seek donations of nesting boxes and bug hotels from Sunshine Garden Centre, RSPB and the Wetlands Trust.
ACTION - Dan to leave fishing net at the Pavilion
- 5.3 Vice Chair (Redevelopment Bowling Green/Club House) - No report.
- 5.4 Treasurer - No report
- 5.5 Fundraising
- 5.5.1 Dan reported that the Association's application for £8,000 of ward funding had been substantially successful in an award of £5,000 for additional sports equipment storage. However a Haringey scrutiny officer had sought more detail as to how the money would be spent. There was also the question of whether planning approval would be necessary. Dan and Robbie were working on an appropriate response and Dan would send a holding reply.
- 5.5.2 Dan and Robby were now discussing/planning a large scale funding application to Sport England.
- 5.6 Webmaster - No report

- 5.7 Communications - No report
- 5.8 Pavilion Sports and Events Co-ordinator - No Report

6 Reducing litter

- 6.1 Kirstie was aware of increasing levels of litter in the Rec and generally in the Borough. She would raise this at a borough-wide meeting on the corporate plan. She also proposed a poster design competition for schools or younger users of the Rec. **ACTION - Kirstie** to liaise with **Robby** with a view to establishing a poster competition at the summer sports camps. **AGREED** to discuss how local schools could be involved in reducing littering at next meeting.

7. Application for charitable status

- 7.1 Jim updated the meeting. He was in the process of completing the Charity Commission's on-line application form and **AGREED** to circulate this when it was closer to completion.
- 7.2 He needed to get a number of documents together and possibly would need help in answering some of the questions on the Commission's form which ran to 33 pages. **ACTION - Katy** to forward a copy of the Association's bank statement to Jim and **Luis** to forward a copy of the Association's annual accounts.
- 7.3 Jim had reviewed the FARRG Constitution which he thought needed to be brought up to date and John had forwarded a number of issues where he thought the constitution was either silent or needed updating to reflect custom and practice. The Charity Commission published model constitutions for charities and adopting one of these with minimal changes would support the Association's application for charity status and give it an up to date "professional" constitution. The Constitution could only be amended, or a new one agreed, at an AGM.
- 7.4 Jim explained that there were a number of model charitable structures accepted by the Charity Commission. He recommended that the Association should apply to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
- 7.5 On conversion to a charity the Association would need a Board of Trustees. **ACTION - Jim** to circulate a link to the Commission's website which explains the duties of a trustee. A number of, but not all, members of the Management Committee would have to convert to become trustees.
- 7.6 Jim would need the names, email and postal addresses of all Committee members who were willing to become trustees. **ACTION - All committee members** to consider and email Jim if they are willing to become trustees of the Association once it has become a CIO.

8 Events Diary

- 8.1 Noted the following events that had taken place since the last meeting:

Sunday 18 June - FARRG picnic on the weekend of "The Great Get Together" in memory of former MP, Jo Cox. Noted that this had resulted in 36 new members joining FARRG.

1 and 9 July - Pond Action Days

8.2 Noted the following upcoming events;

- TBA - Autumn Quiz
- TBA - Rock and Roll night (dance and lessons)
- 24 September 2017 (1 - 6pm) - Autumn Jazz Festival

8.3 The Committee considered the following suggestions for further events;

- An event for Peter and Joanna - **AGREED** to roll this forward
- Promoting table tennis in the Rec (ie a table tennis event) - **AGREED** - NFA until the table tennis tables can be relocated to a more sheltered position.

9 Items for future meetings

9.1 Items for future meetings (running list which includes;)

Annual membership fee (in time to make recommendations to next AGM)

Possible amendments to the Constitution (ditto)

Meeting with Sarah Jones (LBH) - 13 September 2017

Organisation - splitting marketing and publicity functions - 13 September 2017

FARRG website vs blog (similar to Alexandra Neighbours) - 13 September 2017

Safe/economic disposal of granite rocks - 13 September 2017

Further action on litter - involving local schools - 13 September 2017

10 Date of next meeting - 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 September 2017

A further meeting was scheduled for Monday 20 November 2017 and it was **AGREED** that this would also be the date of the AGM with the Management Committee commencing at the conclusion of the AGM.

11 Other business

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Chair

Date