



Friends of Albert Road Recreation Ground & Play Area

**Management Committee Meeting
22 May 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)*
John Chilton (Co-opted) (Secretary)*
Jeremy Cornish (Treasurer)*
Katy Ferguson (Chair)*
Jim Harrison (Apols)
Tony Healy (Apols)
Gianluca Lo Iacono (Webmaster)*
Rob Mead*
Robby Sukhdeo (Events Co-ordinator)*
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.

2 Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of previous meetings - 26 April 2017

- 3.1 The Minutes of the meetings held on 26 April 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment:
In Item 8.5.4 (proposed application for Jazz Festival Funding) delete "£5,000" and substitute "£1,000".

4 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting on 26 April 2017

- 4.1 Item 4.3 - Reducing Paypal transaction costs and seeking charitable status. Jeremy reminded the Committee that it was still possible to reduce PayPal costs by claiming "not for profit" status. The savings on annual subscriptions would however be minimal.

- 4.2 Item 5.2 - Redevelopment of the Pavilion, former Bowling Club House and Recreation Ground. Jeremy and Victoria reported that they had had a working meeting and would report back later in the meeting.
- 4.3 Item 6 - Skills Audit. Katy reported that this was still outstanding.
- 4.4 Item 7 - Developing community links and improving communications. Kirstie reported that she had approached St Martin of Porres School seeking their involvement in the Great Get Together. Emma had similarly approached the Scouts (not heard back) and Bounds Green and Coldfall Schools. **ACTION - Emma** to update on Bowes Primary School at next meeting.
- 4.5 Item 8.1.4 - Dan reported that a "no dogs" notice had been placed on the gate to the pond enclosure (and further notices were available). The new net did not have a long enough pole for the purpose of removing rubbish from the pond.
- 4.6 Item 8.4.3 - **ACTION - Kirstie** to progress seeking banners to advertise bowls and pétanque without specifying times of availability. Noted that the Council had send its own photographer to the pétanque launch event and Katy agreed to follow this up to obtain the images. **ACTION - Katy**
- 4.7 Item 8.5.1 - Application for funding from the Ward Budget. - Dan updated that he had submitted an application for £8,000. He understood that the budget was oversubscribed so the whole amount might not be forthcoming.
- 4.8 Item 8.5.3 - **ACTION - Dan** to seek funding (£250) for Great Get Together, recognising that this application might be too late.
- 4.9 Item 8.5.4 - The mechanics of seeking funding for the Jazz Festival. Jeremy reported that there had been an exchange of emails and that no further action was required at the present time. The process was (1) to apply for a grant; (2) Council issues a letter of intention to fund; (3) make arrangements, hold event and retain all receipts; (4) submit final claim to Council supported by receipts by end of March 2018. Repeat process each year.
- 4.10 Item 8.6.1- "Circulating" documents by Google Drop Box. **ACTION - Gianluca** to send out invitations which will allow all committee members to access the Drop Box.
- 4.11 Item 8.6.4 - Future of the Website. Gianluca reported that the Working Group had not met. He had however been working on a draft brief for a new/revised website. **ACTION - Gianluca** to report further progress.
- 4.12 Item 8.7.1 - Jeremy stated that he would pay the £400 owed for materials against receipts. (Noted that Robby had already paid Rob for the materials - so he was due the reimbursement). **ACTION - Robby** to submit receipts.
- 4.13 Item 8.7.5 - **ACTION - Katy** to obtain and circulate rules of Pétanque.
- 4.14 Item 9.1 - Events Diary - Planting and fixing day at the pond had been very successful and generated a lot of interest and offers of support. Noted that the pond was still leaking. Katy was in contact with Ponds UK who had responded positively and would look into it. Noted that it would take several years for the pond to mature/naturalise. **ACTION - Tony** to look at the provision of log "stepping stones" for the path around the pond.
- 5. Election of new treasurer**
- 5.1 In the absence of any volunteers, **AGREED** all to look though personal contact lists for suitable candidates. **ACTION - All** to check contact lists and **Katy** to post on Alexandra Neighbours.
- 5.2 Jeremy reported that he had done a lot of sorting out since becoming treasurer and the role now required about one hour a month. It would help to appoint the new Treasurer in sufficient time to allow for a handover.

6 **Skills audit** - see 4.3 above.

7 **Reports of Officers**

7.1 Chair (Nothing further to report)

7.2 Vice Chair (Redevelopment Bowling Green/Club House)

7.2.1 Jeremy and Victoria had met to consider the development proposals in more detail and produce indicative costings. A proposal document for the developments was tabled. Both Victoria and Jeremy spoke to the document.

7.2.2 The initial issue was whether it was feasible in terms of the cost and effort to redevelop the Pavilion and the former Bowls Club House. Their conclusion was that redevelopment should be focused on the Pavilion and the provision of a north facing conservatory and refurbished changing rooms. New storage was also required and it was key that this was served by good (separate) access, and needed to be the right height to easily store sports equipment.

7.2.3 Mike Casey Fierro had researched astro turf and believed that the bowling green could be converted to a multi-purpose surface for £150,000; a relatively low figure because any activities would be low impact reducing the specification and cost of the substrate.

7.2.4 Indicative costings were given for all the elements of the redevelopment proposals:

Club House Store - £100,000

Pavilion Changing - £166,000

Club House Refurbishment - £270,000 (or rebuild £450,000)

Bowling Green multi-purpose surface - £150,000

Pavilion Conservatory - £216,000.

7.2.5 There was general **AGREEMENT** that the focus of redevelopment should be the Pavilion rather than the former bowling club house. Victoria strongly recommended that the Council should be firmly requested to carry out their own condition survey of the former bowling club house. **ACTION - Robby**

7.2.6 Robby confirmed that with current patterns of usage there was sufficient changing room accommodation. But it needed to be refurbished and upgraded.

7.2.7 The provision of the north facing conservatory would facilitate additional toilets and an enlarged kitchen.

7.2.8 A number of practical issues had been identified in the planning and implementation phases;

- there was a real issue in raising funds for the planning stages, such as site surveys, engineers surveys, indentifying and plotting services, initial designs, quantity surveyors' fees, planning approval
- any implementation plans needed to fit in with Robby's business plan for the pavilion.
- funding agencies would need to be assured of security of tenure for the pavilion (noting that Robby had a 25 year lease with 10 years to run).

7.2.9 Robby reported that he was prepared to provide some initial funding for the early stages of the project such as getting an architectural survey of the Pavilion to identify the location of services, structural walls etc

7.3 Treasurer

Jeremy reported that there was no change in the Association's financial position

7.4 Fundraising (see 4.8 above)

7.5 Webmaster (see 4.11 above)

7.6 Communications

- 7.6.1 **ACTION** - 1) **Katy** to publicise the Great Get Together on Alexandra neighbours;
2) **Kirstie** to get key for recreation ground notice board from Neil.
- 7.7 Pavilion Sports and Events Co-ordinator
- 7.7.1 There was a general discussion about how to generate interest and participation in bowling, bearing in mind that while the green was playable it wasn't to match standard. Setting up a competitive league to generate regular use was suggested.
- 7.7.2 Robby reported that he was in contact with the marketing manager of the golf club. The club was interested in promoting a wider range of activities for its older members. It might also be possible to get their greens keeper to look at the bowling green. **ACTION - Robby**

8 Events Diary

- 8.1 Noted the following events that had taken place since the last meeting
- **Sunday 30 April:** Play Week-end and launch of Petanque Pit, Pond area and start of Bowling Season, which had gone well.
- 8.2 Noted the following upcoming events;
- **Friday 26 May:** Africa night - food and dancing
 - **Saturday 3 June:** Haringey – v- Livry, Friendship Match on Petanque Pit .
 - **Sunday 18 June:** FARRG picnic on the weekend of "The Great Get Together" in memory of former MP, Jo Cox. **ACTION** - Kirstie to seek local participation.
 - **Thursday 22 June:** Rock and Roll Night (led by dance teacher)
 - **TBA** - Autumn Quiz
 - **TBA** - 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** to roll this forward.

9 Items for future meetings

- 9.1 No items specifically identified for the next meeting.
- 9.2 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

10 Date of next meeting - 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 June 2017

(John offered his apologies for this meeting and asked if another Committee member could take brief notes of action points.)

Noted that further meetings were scheduled for
Monday 17 July 2017 (all to note that this had previously been scheduled for 24 July- Gianluca's apologies noted for new date).

August 2017 (break in August)
Wednesday 13 September 2017
Monday 20 November 2017
(all commencing at 7.30pm)

11 Other business

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

Chair

Date