

First Draft Minutes of FoMSP Quarterly Meeting

8 Montgomery Street, 8:15 p.m., 2nd March 2010

1. In attendance:

Chris Rankin, Christine Rigouleau, Tasca Shadix, Michael Davidson

2. Apologies: Géraldine Debard, Julienne Thurrott

3. Discussion:

WREN: Our funding application was successful! Hooray! We're being awarded over 40,000 pounds for the removal of the fencing and creation of the steps linking the greenspace and the playpark area!

CROCUSES AND TREES: Discussion of whether to replace damaged/missing trees? Chris will contact John Hancox to see whether we can replace the one that was destroyed. We talked about speaking to the school about having the children maintain and protect the orchard. Ask them to publicize it better among the students to motivate them to take better care of it?

Action (Chris): Contact John Hancox about whether we can replace the missing tree at this time (i.e. whether it's still a suitable time for planting).

PAINTING: Gordon Walls is going to touch up the police box again -- and Michael will photograph him doing it, to give him some publicity.

Action (Michael): Photograph Gordon painting the police box.

Discussion of finding out who painted the Paolozzi mural, and whether s/he would do an apple tree or some other sort of mural for the substation?

Action (Chris?): Find out details of who did the Paolozzi mural.

EVENTS PLANNING:

Discussed Picnic in the Park: we decided it would be appropriate for us to suggest a 10% donation of profits from Leith Walk PTA, (and that they will be covering costs). It was agreed that we should really focus on having a FANTASTIC FoMSP stall, attracting members and new volunteers! ;)

Action (All): Be thinking of ways to put on a great FoMSP stall at the Picnic in the Park

Discussed advertising again for an events planner again: Ask Julienne to advertise on Gumtree, etc., focusing on learning from past events and giving more direction to future events planners.

Action (Julienne): Advertise again for an events planner for August Fun Day.

Dates for Events Set As Follows:

27th March Litter Pick 11-12, (try next Sun. if rained out).

22nd May Litter Pick 11-12

28th May: Picnic in the Park

20th August: Summer Fun Day

30th October: Plant It event and Halloween party : last year's winner could possibly be this year's judge? (It was mentioned that a pointing a judge pre-event would be great).

NEWSLETTER TOPICS: Chris will be sending out a newsletter to the Friends, discussing the WREN funding and fence removal, the orchard, Picnic in the Park, the program of other events and meetings for the year, call for volunteers/events coordinator, Tasca's photo triumph for Shot in the Park ;), and the new litter pick kit we were awarded from Keep Scotland Beautiful...

Action (Chris): Send out newsletter

PAYPAL/MEMBERSHIP RE-VAMP: We discussed adding a Paypal button to our web site for donations and memberships, and generally re-vamping our membership strategy. E.g., instead of keeping up with yearly memberships, perhaps make it a simple, one-time donation (such as five pounds or over) to become a Life Member? It was suggested that we could then order some cheap business cards from vistaprint to make membership cards.

Action (Christine): Look into setting up PayPal account.

Action (Michael): Talk with website guys about adding the PayPal button once we have an account.

Action (Chris): Note that once PayPal is set up, if we're changing the way we handle membership, we will need to notify the members of the change and explain why. We will also need to change constitution at AGM.

GOALS

What's next, goal-wise, now that we've succeeded with the WREN funding? Improving the shabby entrances to playpark area was suggested. We discussed advertising the park as a possible Fringe venue. We also discussed the need to follow up on 5-a-side football pitch.

Action: (Chris): Follow up on the status of the "promised" football pitch.