

Beechwood Park : Support/Development/Enhancement Issues and Priorities – 3rd DRAFT

This format is intended to assist in the process of *FoBP* identifying and prioritising ways of supporting the development of Beechwood Park – including such matters as: with whom/which agencies we should work; resources; planning/permissions etc. (NB. At this time, this outline is *not* intended to deal with play facilities – which are currently the focus of a major development, though account has been taken of the play facilities development.)

IMPORTANT. It is hoped that this 3rd draft of our “brainstorm” exercise to create a strategic view and way forward can be agreed at this August meeting of FoBP – and can become our “Version I” of our plan. Can I therefore please ask you to read this *before* you come to our meeting on 21st August – so that you are ready with any comments/changes/improvements.

I have also now included a section on priorities for the coming 12 months (under section III, below); and wonder if it might be helpful to put the names of individuals/small groups against each of these as those who will “lead” in these areas. Perhaps we can discuss this at the meeting. Hirek

I. Vision.

Beechwood Park is a long established urban-located park, which:

- provides an attractive and secure open-space environment for a wide range of the community in and beyond the City of Stirling;
- retains a variety of mature native and specimen trees (particularly featuring the dominant crescent of lime trees) which are being maintained and renewed through an agreed planned replacement programme;
- supports a varied and appropriate pattern of wildlife;
- offers high quality play facilities for children/ young people.

II. Priorities and Process.

(NB. Priorities are identified as “short-term”(ST) and “long-term”(LT).)**

Area for Development	Advice/ Contact/ Permission	Resources (inc donations)/ Contribution from FoBP	Priority Level (1-3)
Maintenance Litter bins Dog foul bins Litter from school traffic	Streetscape – S McLean Also, follow up initial contacts with Willie Hamill/Bob Crainie/Steve Harrower/ Jim Fisher. Liaise with school(s)? to support process of education re litter – perhaps around slogan : “Don’t mess with Stirling”? Organise joint pupil/FoBP “litter picks”.	to be provided by Council	**ST **ST
Relaxation in the Park Additional benches/covered seating/ picnic tables – appropriately located. Drafts/chess board ; and create focus point around this.	Need to agree – number (use siting (graphic proximity to bins (plan? permission from Council gift to Council (re maintenance)	permission from Council involve SHS pupils in siting gift to Council (re maintenance)	seek funds for project: £500? Seek e.g. garden slabs from garden centre? **ST/LT??

<p>Artwork features (wood – and other materials?)</p>	<p>permission from Council link with “artist”/college? gift to Council (re maintenance)</p>	<p>seek fallen tree(s) /transport/ funding for commissioning project</p>	<p>**LT</p>
<p>Replacement and enhancement of trees and plants “Mature” limes to replace lost/fallen trees from crescent</p> <p>Identify other (native and specimen) trees for programme of replacement and addition – with appropriate and planned locations</p> <p>Replace and add lower-growing shrubs in current beds, and elsewhere? (E.g. retain current triangular bed which has been recently re-planted; but strip out and re-plant middle bed in front of Beechwood House.)</p> <p>Plantings of scented plants in current beds</p>	<p>Discussion with S. McLean of Streetscape to establish any current strategic context such as: extant tree survey; and also implications of emerging Open Spaces strategy. Context and proposals of recent Lottery Award is also key.</p> <p>In light of these, develop - along with e.g. Streetscape - a replacement/enhancement plan – with clear priorities, costings and projected timescale.</p> <p>(Graphic outline of developing plans to be prepared.)</p> <p>Work to implement agreed plans to be undertaken by Streetscape?</p>	<p>Lottery award will provide initial funding – particularly for the environmental enhancements related to Children’s Services play proposals. (However, it is considered essential that all environmental developments and enhancements should be within the overarching context of the vision for Beechwood Park that emerges from the Open Spaces strategy, the view of Stirling Council; and hopefully input from FoBP.) Thus, FoBP’s Funding Group to be asked to pursue urgently additional resources from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> funding bodies; dedications; commercial sources. <p>(NB. Development of <i>costings</i> from the strategic plantings/replacement plan to identify a “target” figure for fund-raising.)</p>	<p>**LT (principally – but see section III below regarding use of Lottery Award)</p>
<p>Access and Security</p> <p>Maintenance and some upgrade of pathways through Park – to ensure safe use for pedestrians and cyclists; and <i>appropriate</i> vehicular access for maintenance</p> <p>Parking for Park users – to provide more parking capacity for regular and “peak” (e.g. football) times</p> <p>Lighting to provide safe access and passage in the evenings; and to be located also to discourage anti-social behaviour</p>	<p>Discussions with Council: particularly Streetscape.</p> <p>Discussions with Council: particularly Roads Dept.</p> <p>Discussions with Council: Particularly Streetscape?</p>		<p>**LT</p> <p>**ST/LT??</p> <p>**LT</p>

Others			
Retention of some appropriate open spaces	Agree with Council : within finalised “Open Spaces” strategy/ and with Streetscape??		**LT
Identification of managed “wild” area	Work with SHS Eco Club leader to identify and plan “management” of this area Agree with Council.	Source appropriate (additional?) wild flora etc?	**ST/LT??

III. Initial/Current Priorities.

As at August, 2008, it is proposed that the *funding and activities priorities* for the coming 12 months should be :

- continue to press for additional and “bird/animal-proof” litter and dog bins to be installed ASAP;
- co-operate with Stirling High School (Trudi Togneri) in *joint* litter-pick programme;
- continue to work with Children’s Services (and other appropriate Council agencies) on optimum use to benefit of wider community/Park environment of Lottery award for new plantings/re-plantings;
- identify funding/resourcing for, agree (with Council) siting of, and have installed 3?? new low-maintenance benches;
- identify funding/resourcing for, agree (with Council) siting of, and have installed chess/drafts set;
- continue process of active engagement with local schools and with scout group through programme of appropriate initial meetings: e.g. with Eco-Group and Pupil Council of SHS; and initial contacts with BPS and SNPS, and with scouts.

(?? Perhaps we could identify “leaders” for each of these areas – to spread the “load” a bit?)

IV. Illustration.

A graphic representation of our thinking on possible developments/enhancements is attached.

(NB THIS WILL BE PROVIDED BY WILSON AT OUR MEETING ON 21ST AUGUST.)