

Friends of Beechwood Park

Summary list of achievements/activities over first year : report for *FoBP* meeting of 20th November, 2008.

Friends of Beechwood Park held their first formal meeting on 12th December, 2007, after several months of informal meetings and activity by a group of people interested in the maintenance and development of Beechwood Park. It seems appropriate, for our last meeting of 2008 (on 20th November) that we should record the key activities and achievements that have marked our first year of existence. In summary, these are as follows.

- Formal establishment of *Friends of Beechwood Park (FoBP)* as a sub-committee of Torbrex Community Council (TCC).
- Identification of Office-bearers : Convener; Vice-Convener; Secretary. Financial matters to be channelled via Treasurer of TCC; but with a sub-group on funding issues identified within *FoBP*.
- Agreement on Aims and Objectives of *FoBP*; and key publicity/recruitment literature produced.
- Early engagement with Stirling Council's Children's Services in relation to proposed developments in Park for children/young people.
- Joint Consultation Exercise with Children's Services over proposed Park developments – leading to modification and ultimately a holistic review of proposals for Park development.
- Successful joint application to Big Lottery Fund (with TCC and Children's Services) for £10,000 towards environmental development of the Park.
- Programme of meetings/liaison to establish positive relations with: Streetscape and Stirling High School (including visit to newly opened Stirling High School).
- Establishment of network of effective communications with appropriate Stirling Council Officials.
- Initial contacts with potential funding bodies/sources.
- Discussion to draw up and initiate an agreed "strategic agenda": as an initial point of reference and source for future activities and developments in relation to the Park.
- Initiation of involvement in a regular programme of joint "litter picks" with staff and pupils of Stirling High School.
- Early active involvement, in the context of Stirling Council's "Green Spaces" strategy, in a "Masterplan" pilot towards the development of Beechwood Park.

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