

**Friends of Beechwood Park (FoBP)** (a sub-committee of Torbrex Community Council): **action report of meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.**

**( Please note that our next meeting will take place in Stirling High School on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2009. Dates and locations of meetings for 2009 are provided at the end of this Action Report.)**

**Present.** Murray Dickie; Brendan Docherty; Margaret Duff; Hugh Gillies; Hirek Kwiatkowski (Convener); Ian Robertson; Bill Sim; Evelyn Sim.

**Apologies received.** Mary Kwiatkowski; Valerie Millian; Wilson Jamieson.

1. Report of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 was accepted as an accurate record.
2. Matters arising from Report
  - a. Hirek reported that the confirmed schedule (up to Easter) for joint litter picks with Stirling High School (SHS) had been finalised and distributed before Christmas; and the picks were again underway (weekly on Thursday mornings, and first Friday of each month).
  - b. An update via Mary Kwiatkowski and Bill Sim from the Funding Group reported -
    - A positive response had been received from Sons of the Rock indicating willingness, in principle, to offer some resources: either some support for the Polytunnel joint venture with SHS (assuming this has some educational input – which will be the case); or towards the wider Park Masterplan developments – when these become clearer. Mary has written back to see if accepting some Polytunnel support early on will preclude later contribution to the Park developments.
    - Funding Group also wish to delay next action till they see the outcome of the planned approach by Murray Dickie to B & Q, after which they will target their requests for resources.
3. Regarding the Beechwood Park “Masterplan” process, Hirek reported -
  - Just before Christmas a first draft outline of the areas to be involved and some of the key issues to be considered for discussion had been issued by Connon Associates – and some responses had been returned to them. The intention appeared to be to have a January 2009 meeting to discuss this document and the way forward.
  - In communications with David Crichton of Stirling Council, Hirek had received e-mails indicating that setting up this January meeting was becoming subject to delays, due to work and diary pressures.

*ACTION. Hirek to communicate with David Crichton ASAP again to request that the intended January meeting take place ASAP in order to progress the Masterplan process – especially in view of the December 2009 (extended) Big Lottery deadline.*

4. Hirek gave a summary report of a series of incidents involving damage to the grass of Beechwood Park by Council maintenance vehicles : from both Children’s Services and also Streetscape – which had occurred : just before Christmas; in week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2009; this week (beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January). As a result, both Wilson Jamieson had been urgently in touch with David Crichton and Les Goodfellow – who were acting to stop this. However, despite this, yet another vehicle had caused further damage on this week. It was agreed that this increasing pattern of driving maintenance vehicles over inappropriate

pathways and other areas in wet conditions was doing considerable damage to the amenity of the Park – and Hirek should write yet again ASAP to David and Les, indicating that unless this is stopped at once, FoBP will formally seek the help of local Councillors.

*ACTION. Hirek to write to Les Goodfellow and David Crichton re damage again, ASAP.*

5. **Arrangements for “Environmental Fair” on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at (6.30pm set-up for) 7.00 to 9.00pm:**

- Will include : Eco-team from SHS; reps from 5 Primary schools; Culterhove youth group; Scout groups; FoBP
- Intention : to share information and have dialogue over eco/environmental interests
- Resources needed : people; some “membership” leaflets; poster; and perhaps a “prompt leaflet” with some key issues and questions to stimulate discussion between groups.

*ACTION. Wilson Jamieson to be asked to prepare a brief “prompt leaflet”.*

*Hirek, Mary , Evelyn ,Bill, Brendan (later) to attend; and Hirek to check other possible attendees.*

6. Under AOB, the following matters were raised:

- Hirek reported that he had received a communication from Big Lottery advising of further possible grant application; but the revised deadline for the current award and the Masterplan timings did not allow us to meet likely deadlines required
- A request had come late last year from the Scouts seeking tasks related to the “7<sup>th</sup> Centenary Challenge”. The following suggestions were put forward :
  1. removal and monitoring of graffiti on pavilion and Park walls
  2. planting of crocus/daffodils on Newhouse Road Park edge (need to consult Council/Connon Associates over this)
- Wish to have a copy/access to most up-to-date tree survey of Beechwood Park.

*ACTION. Hirek to contact Scouts re “7<sup>th</sup> Centenary Challenge” ideas; and to contact Council re tree survey.*

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***Provisional agenda for meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 :***

*Funding group : update*

*Beechwood Park “Masterplan” : update*

*Scouts: “7<sup>th</sup> Centenary Challenge”.*

**Meeting dates for 2009 :** a list of the confirmed dates and locations for *bi-monthly* meetings for 2009 are provided below.

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March :</b>	<b>SHS</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May :</b>	<b>SHS</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July :</b>	<b>Mayfield Centre</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September:</b>	<b>SHS</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	<b>SHS</b>