

**Friends of Beechwood Park (FoBP)** (a sub-committee of Torbrex Community Council): **action report of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2008.**

**( PLEASE NOTE : date of *next* meeting is now Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2008 at 7.30pm; and this time we will be back in Stirling High School.)**

**Present.** Margaret Duff; Hugh Gillies; Wilson Jamieson; Hirek Kwiatkowski (Convener); Bill Sim; Evelyn Sim.

**Apologies received.** Murray Dickie; Brendan Docherty; Mary Kwiatkowski; Valerie Wilson.

1. Report of meeting held on 22nd July 2008 was accepted as an accurate record.
2. Matters arising from Report of 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
  - a. **Response from Children's Services to Consultation and Breathing Spaces Lottery Award.** Hirek reported on his understanding of the most recent developments with regard to these proposals for developments in the Park. These derived principally from a very recent phone conversation he had with Les Goodfellow, who had indicated:
    - that Council officials now wished to review quickly proposals for developments in Beechwood Park on a more *holistic* basis; taking into account the issues which had been raised in the Consultation in the Spring, and indeed other wider contexts which might impact upon Park development – and therefore the original Children's Services proposals would now be part of that review;
    - Council officials would wish to involve appropriate groups (e.g. Community Council(S); *FoBP*) in this review process – with a view to agreeing a revised and wider proposal fairly quickly – though discussions and planning for this would mean some putting back of current proposed implementation dates; this was likely to overtake the original proposal for a small “oversight” group to be established in relation to the Lottery project.
    - the Lottery Breathing Spaces project deadline (of June 2009) can be met within this strategy.

This latest information was very positively received; and acknowledged as illustrating the positive impact that the work of *FoBP* is beginning to have in relation to the support and development of Beechwood Park.

- b. Damage to trees. Hirek reported that he had checked the trees which had been damaged with paint; and had found that most of the paint had now been washed off, and seemed to be further disappearing with the constant rain.

3. There was final discussion of the draft “brainstorm” document issued at the previous meetings to think through a strategic overview for support to developments in the Park over the next few years. Wilson Jamieson also provided a draft of the accompanying graphic to illustrate the suggestions in the main document. There was also discussion of the implementation priorities for the coming year; and timelines and names of people to lead on

most of these were decided. In light of this discussion, and after some final suggestions, Hirek and Wilson agreed to make the last changes required; and that the document and accompanying graphic should be confirmed as a “first version” and issued before the next meeting.

*ACTION. Hirek and Wilson to produce confirmed “Version 1”; and Hirek and Hugh to see to circulation of the document to FoBP members before October meeting.*

4. Recruitment to *FoBP*. There was brief discussion of the proposal for some form of “corporate” membership of *FoBP* (as suggested at the previous meeting); but members present were unclear as to the nature and purpose of this idea, and were unable to support it at this time.

*ACTION: Issue of membership/wider involvement to be continued to next meeting’s agenda.*

5. In view of the pending major review/revision of Beechwood Park Developments (see 2(a), above) – with delay to completion date – it was agreed to postpone discussion of *FoBP* involvement in any opening event for Park refurbishments till an appropriate date.

6. Under **AOB**, the following points were raised:-

In response to a communication from Murray Dickie of the Community Council seeking support regarding proposals to deal with the deterioration of the hedges and boundary wall in Torbrex Lane near to the Park, *FoBP* were pleased to offer support to these ideas.

In view of the fact that there has still been no further communication or perceived action from the Council in relation to the requests from *FoBP* regarding additional litter and dog bins, it was again agreed that the earlier contacts should be followed up.

*ACTION. Hugh Gillies agreed to follow up on earlier communication to Jim Fisher (while Wilson and Hirek are on holiday).*

***Provisional agenda for meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October :***

*Council review/revision of development proposals for Beechwood Park*

*Implications of Council review for our strategic view, and for Lottery project*

*Recruitment to FoBP :how to achieve wider membership/involvement.*

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**Meeting dates for rest of 2008 :**

**Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.  
Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.**