

## **Friends of the Moor Committee Meeting Weds 19 April 2017, 7.00pm, Knutsford Town Council Meeting Rooms. Minutes 132**

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**Present** Debbie Jamison (Chair), Jan McCappin (Secretary), Peter Russell .Quorate (ie 5 committee members, at least 2 officers) Yes after item 5. Michele Hammond (Vice-Chair) arrived after item 8, Andrew Malloy & Adam Keppel-Garner arrived after item 8 & 5 during 4. AM left after 2. MH left during 6.

Agenda taken in random order to allow decision making when quorate.

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**1 Welcome and Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Stewart Gardiner, James Power, Jacquie Grinham (Treasurer), Louise Gresty, PCSO Andrew Roberts

### **2 CEC/ANSA**

**Draft Moor Masterplan** Ruth Morgan (ANSA) had sent a draft outline master plan for discussion. The focus was on maintaining the paths and play area, dealing with the drainage problems and improving environmental planting. FOTM are in favour of informal recreation, leaving areas available for multiple uses and keeping the open space and wide vistas appreciated by visitors. Suggestions from FOTM members were:- the community orchard/specimen trees would be better nearer the scout hut (railway side). The new path from the play area to the diagonal path should be more direct, and continue round to the front gate (taking land contours into consideration). Some paths could be widened eg to accommodate cycling across the middle path. Cycle parking would be best in sight of, but away from the play area to avoid congestion, eg near the main noticeboard. Seating should be increased, with some within the Shelter and near the snowberries. Other ideas were to have a circular track for wheelchair access or cycling for children, to introduce a trimtrail/fitness trail/outdoor gym and a table tennis table. It was suggested the Barncroft area could be considered for the trimtrail with arrows to and from the Moor. FOTM also discussed an access audit for the entrance gates and giving the gates distinctive features to commemorate events. The position of the main noticeboard which is a little way from the path could also be moved or a second provided to encourage greater use. Further ideas and opinions could be collected by consulting with the public. DJ would send a summary of FOTMs comments to Ruth Morgan

**Drainage works** had not yet commenced.

**Mosaic fat birds** – Patricia Lee will be contacted about their repair.

**The Play Area annual safety inspection report has not yet been received.**

**Road Flooding** SG is to meet Dave Brown of CEC

**Trees/logs** on TEM land –DJ is still waiting for a response from Fisher German/TEM about tree works and removing logs on the path beside the Moor Pool.

### **3 Treasurer's matters,**

**Polo shirts** with the FOTM logo are being bought from Technotype to wear at events, (Members will pay half the costs)

**Outdoor games** – AKG will be ordering the remainder of the outdoor equipment such as space hoppers and volley balls, and will give CEC a list of the equipment obtained.

The Accounts from the AGM are still to be formally approved.

### **4 Upcoming events**

**Lions Centenary 29 May.** FOTM plan have an Outdoor Games area at this event and also run a survey on the Moor Master Plan, get feedback on FOTM and recruit new members. This would be discussed further at the May meeting.

**Makers Market, 2 July.** FOTM have been offered a free stall. FOTM intends to use it to consult further with the public on the Moor Plan, give information on FOTM and seek new members.

**Pentecost Picnic, 4 June.** Heather Lawrence, Methodist Church, was going to donate the hire fee to FOTM, at the suggestion of CEC. Committee members decided this should be waived on condition that the group have a litter pick after the event. JM would email Heather, offer to return the cheque if received, and offer litter pick equipment via AKG.

**Music Festival.** 24/25 June. The inclusion of the Moor and participation of FOTM was discussed. This included having a brass band playing on the high ground near the shelter. There would be gazebo, and outdoor games nearby for children, and a litter pick afterwards. Suggestions for bands included Mereside Brass, a local youth orchestra and a Lions band, (from Sandbach).

**Playday** – Because of member's commitments, it was decided FOTM would not be involved in National Playday this year, Instead, outdoor games sessions could be run on Wednesdays. DJ would contact previous participators in the Playday events and explain the situation. It is hoped to have a Playday in 2018 – 3 volunteers are needed to co-ordinate this and contact prospective participators next February.

### **5 Review of events**

**Litterpick** – 11<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 to noon, 20 volunteers attended, and 20 bags of litter were collected. It was decided In future, attendees should be asked to meet in the Shelter, to minimise trampling, and the bags left beside the bin nearest to the bike stand.

**Rotary Jog 19 March, 9.30 to noon.** FOTM labelled T--shirts were obtained for the event. FOTM fielded a team and manned a table giving information on the Moor at the Batley car park near the race registration point. (FOTM was thanked by Mark James). After the race started, JM and LG set up outdoor play equipment for families in the Shelter.

**Annual Town Meeting 12 April** – This went well. FOTM had a table, and displayed draft plans for the Moor. JG gave a 2 minute talk about FOTM. JM also attended.

### **6 Communications**

JM has a list of contact addresses for people attending the litter pick. It is hoped to recruit new members at the Lions event on the 29 May.

Webpage/Facebook –AM has ensured the domain name remains registered. AKG is currently updating the webpage and facebook.

The Noticeboard needs updating with Friends information and the Green flag certificate.( DJ to do).

Two boys have been in touch to volunteer with the group. DJ is to manage this but help is required to supervise them. Weds pm and maybe weekend was suggested and tasks such as. Litterpicks, outdoor games, masterplan etc.

### **7 KTC Environment Committee report and Neighbourhood Plan report**

CCTV was mentioned again at the KTC and the necessity to provide evidence of incidents.

A grant request was made for up to 4 picnic tables (FOTM would fund 2) It was declined

The repair of the Lions sign is awaiting the Town Ranger who has been ill.

JG and JM are attending the Environment and Open Spaces WG, which is dealing with the identification of Local Green Spaces ( including the Moor and Heath) and green corridors, protecting and enhancing them and encouraging their use for healthy pursuits such as walking and cycling.

**8 Report from police.** DJ had been in communication with Sergeant Kelly Johnston and PC Andrew Roberts. Graffiti and antisocial behaviour incidents were noted, and how they are handled. The commemorative plaque beside the oak tree dedicated to Vivien Davies had been damaged and the Moor resident who reported it mentioned the need for CCTV.

**CCTV coverage**, the KTC is requesting more information before making a decision. It was suggested a letter from the police should be sent for the next KTC Finance Committee meeting on 25 April , FOTM members should report incidents and obtain an incident number which could be passed to their local councillor. It was noted that the King Street car park camera could be updated as well as a new camera.

**9 Approval of previous minutes and matters arising** Reports of the Committee meeting on 8 February and AGM on 8 March had been previously circulated with no amendments being suggested, subject to notes being presented to accounts

**Bird signage** – A list of fauna and flora would be obtained for AKG. Ruth Morgan would approve the draft of the signs, which would be displayed on lectern-style bases, similar to those on the Heath.

**Shelter seating** – seats of wood and with backs & arm rest were still preferred,

**Next meetings** - May 17, 2pm, June 14. 7pm