

Friends of the Moor Committee Meeting Weds 12 July 2017, 7.00pm, on the Moor. Draft Notes 135

Present Debbie Jamison (Chair), Michele Hammond (Vice-Chair), Jan McCappin (Secretary), Jacquie Grinham (Treasurer), Andrew Malloy, James Power, Peter Russell. Quorate (ie 5 committee members, at least 2 officers). Guest David Craig

1 Welcome and Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Adam Keppel Garner, Louise Gresty, PCSO Andrew Roberts ,

Report by David Craig (guest) (Shooting Conservationist) (BASC), He said he was devastated by vandalism and signs of drug-taking, and feared police were only there when incidents were reported. As a badged security officer/doorman he had powers of arrest, and was willing to patrol occasionally. He was also worried about dogs not under proper control. Wildlife - he was concerned that there were too many jackdaws and magpies and suggested trapping,

MH said children should be educated not to feed bread to the ducks etc – scattered bread on the paths attracts other birds such as corvids and pigeons. DJ said FOTMs jurisdiction covered the Moor park area and FOTM is not responsible for wild animal management; ASBO and drug incidents are reported to the police via 101, and CEC informed of the incident numbers. Those living by the Moor may have additional information. DC would be introduced to Sgt Kelly Johnston and PCSO Andy Roberts. Knutsford Ornithological Society could be contacted about bird problems, Signage, including advice on feeding ducks, is in preparation for the autumn and educating children at their schools is an option. Crown lifting of trees and snowberry trimming is necessary to help visibility for police and others.

2 CEC/ANSA

James P had reported the zipwire & DJ has emailed ANSA. Problems, especially with the play area and concerning health and safety should be reported by the finder and followed up by phone then reference number given to FotM if not dealt with within 2 weeks. DJ is still waiting for the annual safety inspection report.

Masterplan- Most of the ideas in the original plan have been worked on but the plan needs to be refreshed to set up new projects and for the next Green Flag application in Jan 2018. FOTM has surveyed c 50 people at the Lions Fair and last Makers Market. DJ is analysing the results and ideas to present at next meeting.

Dogs – The Cheshire East dog warden has shown interest in problems and could patrol at weekends. A body of evidence needs to be built up, so FOTM members should engage with the public.

Drainage. There has been a meeting with Ruth & Stuart Barber. The pooling problem has been identified as poor drainage plus broken drains. Although CEC agreed to spend money on this (eg widening gullies, clearing drains), it appears the tender has not yet been put in, but this is now taking place.

Fat birds – need renovation, repainting or re-tiling with mosaics Patricia Lea has been contacted but is not able to help on this occasion.

Lions sign –has now been refixed, (Thanks to the Town Ranger) although it is rather high.

Play area annual inspection – The zip wire seat was damaged and concrete at the bottom of the slide exposed. Streetscape at CEC now deal with maintenance of play areas and are being contacted about such hazards (Tel 0300 123 5011 option 3) DJ has emailed Ruth Morgan and Doug Christie (ANSA) and the Safety Inspector about this and bark raking. Possible email customerservices3@cheshireeast.gov.uk

3 Treasurer's matters, The Friends of the Moor 2017 AGM accounts are now available to sign off and send out as a pdf. (Copy attached). The current balance is £3980.63, and includes funds for the new signage (£2800) and extra play equipment (£100) (hula hoops, jumbo badminton, 10 pin bowls stump rockets and volleyball. Invoice for £14.97 from DJ) There is reduced Liability Insurance because of no playday event this year and all our other activities are less than a 100 people. Donation has been received from Albis UK.

Memorial bench has been donated and FOTM has approved it and a location near the block seats by the path nearest the Scout Hut, ANSA will contact the donor.

KTC grant – To go to the next KTC Finance Committee meeting, for the next calendar year.

Waitrose -. The use of the Tokens Box scheme has been renewed and the paragraph of information on FOTM updated.

4 Upcoming events

Moor Art, 10 September. Take-up has been good.

Love Parks Week, 14-24 July has been retweeted.

Green Flag Award. The announcement is due this week.

Knutsford in Bloom, 26 July Information for the judges includes a paragraph on the Moor. JM will try to meet the judges near the play area

5 Review of Events

Makers Market Stall/Survey 2 July. Many of the visitors were from outside Knutsford. DJ will write up the results of the survey.

6 Communications

Ideally, the Survey will also be launched on the website, Knutsford Directory – MH will produce a short article and email it round before submitting it to Erica.

Facebook needs updating. LG will be asked about this.

Student Help, MAC/work experience. Students are involved in grass seeding, 4 games sessions (tennis/badminton), surveying and weekend work. There is now a break – they will restart in September..

Knutsford Academy (Mr Fung) has been in touch re their students' community volunteers.

7 KTC Environment Committee report and Neighbourhood Plan report

JP is still pushing for CCTV to cover the Moor, A wish list will be sent to him with reference to the Open Space Budget. FOTM will push again for furniture (picnic tables, seating). DJ will write to JP to ensure he is fully briefed as although KTC has the funds it needs FOTM to provide a list and justification. The next KTC Full Council Meeting likely to cover CCTV should be in September. Members should write to their local town councillors for support.

Although the Moor should be safeguarded as Green Belt land, the Neighbourhood Plan Open Spaces WG also recommended designation as a Local Green Space. The next NP EOS meeting is on 26 July.

8 AOB

Information shared re the possible sale of council open space land in Longridge. It is in the green belt, the same as the Moor!

Music Festival The possibility of holding music events on the Moor was discussed makers market Sunday.

Loan of games to Longridge Funday - DJ to offer

Pop up Summer games were discussed. Anyone can get these from Council basement.

106 monies – A FOI request from DJ is being made about what funds are outstanding, what is available and what is on account for the Moor – also any time limits for the funding to be requested/spent.

Other possible games equipment – stomp rockets, bigger volleyball net.

Management plan – update for September, to be submitted by January 2018

9 Approval of previous minutes and matters arising To be approved at the next meeting, along with the 2016 annual accounts.

Bird signage/ shelter seating/picnic tables/ anti vandal paint .

Next meetings September 27, 7pm, Council Offices..

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