

Friends of the Moor Committee Meeting Weds 17 May 2017, 2.00pm, Knutsford Town Council Meeting Rooms. Minutes 133

Present Debbie Jamison (Chair), Jan McCappin (Secretary), Jacquie Grinham (Treasurer), Peter Russell, PCSO Andrew Roberts. Adam Keppel Garner. Quorate (ie 5 committee members, at least 2 officers. Guest Emma Williams (Art Knutsford).

Welcome and Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Stewart Gardiner, Cllr James Power, Michele Hammond (Vice-chair), Louise Gresty, , Andrew Malloy,

Item 8 Report by the Police was discussed before item 2 . There was no item 5..

1 Presentation – Proposed art exhibition on the Moor Park railings. A one day exhibition, possibly starting in September, for amateur and professional artists. was proposed with items for sale (some funding going to local charities such as the First Responders and maybe FOTM). The idea was supported; but awaiting further details because of the quasi-commercial aspect, although the primary desire expressed was to display the paintings. EW would contact CEC and start promoting the idea.

2 CEC/ANSA

Management plan (Draft Moor Masterplan) The Plan has been refreshed after DJ sent FOTM's comments on the draft to Ruth Morgan. It will be displayed for the public to comment at the Lions Centenary Fair on the Heath on 29 May. (AKG is laminating information sheets). This public airing of ideas will also take place at the July 2nd Makers Market where FOTM have a stall. Survey results will be analysed by September.(They will be useful for the Green Flag report in November).

The plan on display is intended to stimulate conversation rather than give details of what will be (eg the table tennis site is just so that it appears somewhere on the map, and the boggy area is not accurately sited). The division between formal and informal open spaces is important. Previous suggestions for the Moor in surveys, emails and direct communications with Committee members include a BMX/skateboard park (FOTM suggested a pop-up skate jam could occur), a fitness circuit path (although Personal Trainers could monopolise this), gym equipment, a rounders site and seats in the shelter. The use of the Barncroft area was suggested for some activities.

FOTM's community outdoor games equipment can be brought to the Moor for scheduled sessions, maybe weekly. FOTM members and possibly PCSOs could help. The equipment will be available for loan to other groups.

Material for the consultation has been emailed to Committee members and could be generally publicised – in the Knutsford Guardian and AKGs new website for FOTM.

The Moor drainage problem still needs to be addressed. Blocked drains may be part of the problem. RM is checking the works organised – including replanting.

3 Treasurer's matters,

JG has updated the Annual Accounts for 2016, with explanatory footnotes and they will be offered for approval at the next Committee meeting. The bill for the **Polo shirts** has been received (individuals will pay half the cost of each shirt). Once a bill for laminating the Master Plan material is received, JG and JM will arrange payment from Nationwide. £12.50 was received via DJ (sponsorship the Rotary Club jog).

A grant application was suggested by AKG for picnic tables, and a decision is awaited. If this fails, 106 monies are a possible source. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Liability insurance is due for renewal in July and will cost £150. As there is no Playday this year, the necessity for this will be discussed at the next meeting

Waitrose Community Grant – a new application is due with the wording updated, stressing funding is wanted for seating and planting.. JG will call in and deliver this.

Outdoor games – AKG has about £300 to spend on additional outdoor games.

4 Upcoming events

Lions Centenary 29 May, 10 am to 4pm. FOTM have a site in the Outdoor Games area supervising free outdoor games for families and with a table/gazebo to display the draft Moor Master Plan materials and run a survey on it, get feedback on FOTM and recruit new members. DJ will be present and JM, AM, PR and JG have volunteered to do sessions. A survey sheet and possible use of a flipchart sticker system to collect opinions was discussed by the Committee.

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. – A cheque for the hire fee was received by JM. As discussed at the April meeting, this was waived on condition that the group have a litter pick after the event. On instruction from Heather Lawrence, Methodist Church, JM destroyed the cheque. She also informed Heather that litter pick equipment and outdoor games were available for loan, via AKG.

6 Communications

Emma – email on an art exhibition

BMX Mums email - DJ met Sarah and Hannah, who have suggested that a cycle track should be considered on the Moor. The masterplan was discussed and the consultation

Noticeboard – this was refreshed at Easter. This year's 2 objectives are the Management Plan and getting the already contracted short term works done to improve the drainage.

Twitter – DJ, AM and AKG are inputting here.

Website – AKG has uploaded the new website, which is undergoing review. DoE students have commented that it is much improved. Information on what is going on now and in future needs to be input, and date/agenda for the next meeting. Feedback on the look and content should be sent to DJ

Facebook - We need to input news more regularly here. (DJ to ask LG).

Wider reaching feedback helps to identify potential projects for the future, prioritise them and justify requests for grants, 106 monies etc

7 KTC, Environment Committee report and Neighbourhood Plan report

At the Full Council meeting on 8 May, Cllr James Power was reappointed as Council Representative to FOTM. DJ sent in a report for the Environment Committee meet May 2nd

expressing disappointment re the seating request and pointing out that the Lilybrook bridge has disappeared from the action log. The Town Ranger will be repairing the Lions sign.

. NP Open Spaces WG is working on Local Green Space designation across Knutsford. The Moor is designated as Green Belt and within the Town Centre conservation area. (DJ to forward to JG for the NP WG the letter received from CEC during the Local planning consultations regarding Green Belt assessment and the one sent to Crown Estates regarding their strategic site CS18.) (JG to confirm that LGS is not necessary or will be applied for).

8 Report from police.

DJ was concerned that what was reported, especially in the press, did not reflect the picture on the Moor which in the main mainly suffered from graffiti, and weed smoking and sale. Although there had recently been anecdotal reports of an incident of personal injury which DJ had alerted the police to. FotM have issued the advice to the public that any concerns should be reported by calling 101. FotM have supported the request from the Police to provide CCTV but cannot take it any further as it requires Town Council payment for annual operating costs.. Progressing - CCTV had now been passed to the police and KTC. DJ reminded that there was an opportunity to upgrade the existing King Street CCTV. DJ said that 'safety' was not a matter FotM could be held to account for and suggested in future it may be removed from our statement of purpose.

AR said that no incidents had been reported over the last month. PCSO's & Police regularly visit the area but have not witnessed any incidents or made any cautions or arrests. NO follow up to the names & numbers in Graffiti had been noted. DJ asked if the schools liaison officer had been advised. AR said that Sgt Johnston had offered to meet again and DJ declined on behalf of the FotM as we had nothing to add.

DJ suggested a joint police FotM outdoor games event possibly in conjunction with the DoE volunteers on a Weds/Thurs evening, 5-6pm. Otherwise we could loan the games for a police-led event over the summer holidays.

AR stated that ongoing focus on Middle Walk would result in action taken. CCTV pictures can be used to prosecute and or question. .

AR hopes to attend the June evening meeting.

9 Approval of previous minutes and matters arising

To be approved at the next meeting, along with the 2016 annual accounts

Next meetings - June 14. 7pm (possibly on the Moor, depending on the weather. The Scout Hut is not available on this date. JM will book the Council Office room anyway). July 12, September 13..