

Friends of the Moor Committee Meeting Weds 8 November 2017, 7.00pm, in the Knutsford Town Council Office. Draft Notes 137

Present Jan McCappin (Secretary), Jacquie Grinham (Treasurer), Stewart Gardiner, Adam Keppel-Green. PCs Andy Baker and Sayer Inquorate .

1 Welcome and Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Michele Hammond (Chair), Andrew Malloy, James Power.

2 Report from the Police . Last month, the focus was on Moorside and Drury Lane. 3 incidents were reported – egg throwing and loud music being played, all in the evening, but non-one was found by the police, There were reports on twitter of general ASBO, especially on Hallowe'en, but no incidents were reported to the police then or on bonfire night. The motor bike incident could not be taken further as the people affected were dazzled by the motor bike lights. Police have spoken to moped riders driving along Moorside and are still patrolling until the late evening. Statistics show incidents have gone down, and troublemakers are known, However, there will be a change in police staff in January, as 2 members return to Macclesfield after 6 months in Knutsford.

3 CEC/ANSA

The zipwire has now been repaired

The Play Area Annual Safety Inspection is yet to be done. The surface material and roundabout are both still a problem. MH may go round with the inspectors.

One Fat Bird has been removed, but FOTM recommended the retention of the second, as long as it is safe.

Lighting – AKG will check if this has been repaired

Oak tree –still is missing stays and is leaning. AKG will report this again.

4 Treasurer's matters,

Waitrose tokens – FOTM has been allocated £150 and thanks have been sent.

Co-op bid has been received and we await further notification.

KTC grant – FOTM can apply for this, and seating was suggested, possibly in a ring. The deadline for applications for under £3000 is in February, so it will be discussed at the next FOTM meeting in January

5 Results of Summer Survey

DJ has completed and distributed a report on the results of the survey for the Management Plan to Committee members. As the FOTM meeting is inquorate, it will be sent to Ruth M (ANSA) marked as a draft. (JM to check with DJ) Ruth M will be invited to the January 8 (now 9th) committee meeting.

There was some interest expressed in the survey in having more music events on the Moor, with possibly a bandstand. The importance of having open space, eg for the air ambulance to land, was noted.

6 Review of events

Green Flag raising – Wednesday 11 October, at 6pm with the Beavers went well, with photos in the Knutsford Guardian..

7 Communications

The Green Flag raising was mentioned on Twitter and Facebook..

8 KTC Environment Committee report and Neighbourhood Plan report

Lily Bridge – is on KTCs project list.

CCTV- If CEC upgrades, new portable CCTV cameras which could be set up temporarily, when and where problems occur.

Neighbourhood Plan - Local Green Spaces including the Moor are being identified by the Environment and Open Spaces WG. The NP is moving towards the next survey stage.

9 Approval of previous minutes and matters arising

The meeting was inquorate so they will be approved at the next meeting..

Signage – A list of plants is being put together with the help of Ruth M. (Possible species are snowberries, willowherb, meadowsweet, flag iris, bulrushes, Himalayan balsam and Japanese knotweed).

Constitution – to be reviewed at the March meeting. What would happen to any of the FOTMs finances if the group disbands needs to be added to the constitution to. This will help when going for grants.

10 AOB

New members are needed, especially younger people and those willing to own projects, and to aid this, promotion of FOTM would continue. Teenagers seeking work experience could be asked.

Next meeting **Thursday 18 January**, JM will see if Ruth M will be available for 7pm or if not 1pm., and check the availability of Committee members

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