

## Bonnyfield Nature Park Management Group – Meeting Minutes

Date 19 March 2008  
Location Bonnybridge Community Education Centre  
Meeting Nr 23

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**Present** Graeme Scobbie – Chairperson  
David McPherson – Vice Chairperson  
Gillian McPherson – Treasurer  
Ian Edwards – Secretary  
Beth McGinnes  
Owen Hendry  
Michelle McCallum

**Apologies** Robert Paterson, Lesley Fleming,

GS opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and thanked them for coming. GS introduced Michell McCallum from the Carronvale Tenants and Residents Association.

### 1 Matters Arising

1.1 Arts project – The application to the Council for funding towards the mural has been successful and £4000.00 has been earmarked for this.

A sub-group was formed to liaise with Council staff, the artist and the youngsters involved with the project. These are FR, GMcPH, DMcPH, BMcG

IE to contact Gillian Smith regarding progress

#### **Action IE**

1.2 Steep slope above old bridge – An instruction has been issued to one of the contractors on site for this area to be planted densely with thorny shrubs to deter access. IE to monitor progress.

#### **Action IE**

1.3 Fly-tipped Material – This has been uplifted by Council staff.

1.4 Web Site – Ongoing. GMcPh has been in contact with a person doing an OU course on web design and to explore possibility of them becoming involved in developing the group's web site. The group will still need to supply text and pictures.

#### **Action GMcP**

- 1.5 Fact Sheets For Web Site – On going
- 1.6 Maps for web site - IE confirmed the Council can provide these as long as the requirements of the licence are met.
- 1.7 Risk Assessment – All outstanding areas of work identified as needing to be done to be included in path contract. Once these are complete the site will be re-surveyed.
- 1.8 Handrail – This has been installed and the path is being well used.
- 1.9 Funding Application – Ongoing. IE to provide information to GMcPH  
**Action IE**
- 1.10 Community Policeman – Ongoing. IE still to contact.  
**Action IE**
- 1.11 Interpretive Panel – Ongoing. IE, OH and JC met to discuss content , layout and graphics. It was agreed to have a lockable information board and if possible a number of interpretive panels. JC had done a lot of work researching panel styles.  
**Action IE, OH, JC**
- 1.12 Additional Path – IE had been approached by a member of the public with regard to extending the surfaced path to the top of the steps at Vale of Bonnyview. Group agreed to proceed with this. IE to instruct contractor.  
**Action IE**
- 1.13 Newsletter – Number 3 issue is due for preparation. JC has already supplied an article.

Articles to be prepared on the following

Map of paths and recent work – IE

Reminder on dog bin use – BMcG

LNR status if awarded – IE

Progress report on arts project – TBC

Photos of park in winter – All photographers

Education – BMcG

IE to send dates of environmental excursions to BMcG

Any other articles greatly appreciated!!

**Action IE, BMcG, All Willing Contributors**

- 1.14 Local Nature Reserve Status – Currently with Council's solicitors who are preparing the notice of declaration.

- 1.15 Kilsyth Road – Ongoing. IE to chase Barratts  
**Action IE**
- 1.16 Graffiti on bridge – On going. Look at treating with dark stain when wood is dry  
**Action IE**
- 1.17 Tree under bridge – IE to speak to Council engineer responsible for Flood Control with regard to possibility of removing.  
**Action IE**
- 1.18 Water quality – A question was raised about the quality of water coming out of the attenuation pond in the park. IE to enquire about water sample being tested.  
**Action IE**
- 1.19 Concrete Blocks – Ongoing - Look at cost of installing 3 or 4 blocks down the tarmac road as resting points.  
**Action IE**
- 1.20 Mould On Buildings – OH asked if could receive a copy of the report commissioned by the Council. IE to enquire if copy is available.  
**Action IE**

## **2 AOB**

- 2.1 IE advised that once the LNR has been declared the park/reserve can be included in SNH's LNR celebrations. A small grant may available towards celebrations. IE to investigate. Potential events for a celebration day could be: craftworks, face painting, basket weaving, orienteering for children, teddy bear's picnic, puppet show.
- It was agreed such an event would have to be co-ordinated by a sub-group. IE to contact all members for ideas and volunteers.  
**Action IE**
- 2.2 Fence At Pond – A section of fence at the pond has been removed to allow machinery in. Should consider reinstating fence.  
**Action IE**
- 2.3 Memorial Seat for Lawrence – It was suggested one of the seats to be installed in the park is dedicated to the memory of Lawrence McLaren in recognition of his contributions to the development of the park. IE to contact the family.  
**Action IE**

2.4 Reinstatement Work – Existing paths and surfaces need to be reinstated following contract works. Tarmac road needs to be swept. IE to arrange snagging inspection with contractors. DMcPH and OH to attend if possible.

**Action IE**

2.5 Logs In Wood – Some of these could possibly be arranged to form an informal outdoor classroom, possibly in an open area where they would not attract anti-social activity.

2.6 Group to look at possible organising another series of educational projects with the local schools, possible in the autumn. Suggested it would be an idea to contact the schools to see what they would like to do.

**Action IE**

**3 Next Meeting**

**7.30pm Monday 28 April 2008**

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