



## Friends of Murray Park

### Notes of Meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at Murrayside Community Centre

**Present:**

**Officers:** Tracy Rowe (Chair)  
Lesley Fayers (Treasurer)  
Sue Bird (Secretary)

**Members:** Lisa Brambill, Paul Gilbert

**Also Present:** Max Thomas (MCD), Martin Cherrington (MCD) (from 7.30)

**Apologies:** Dennis Carpenter, Malcolm and Jenny Ebbs  
Cllr Sarah Barber, Cllr Bill Quinton, Cllr Luke Richardson  
Nick Wilcox, IBC  
Hannah Canning, Suffolk Constablulary

<b>1</b>	<b>Murrayside</b>	
	Members were given a whistle-stop tour of the Centre, led by Max Thomas, details of which will be circulated at a later date.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Excluded Persons</b>	
	There were no excluded persons.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising/Updates</b>	
	<p>The new table tennis table has been installed on the park. MCD have agreed to store table tennis equipment at the Community Centre on behalf of Murray Parrk Friends, to be hired to members of the public for use on the park, with a fully refundable deposit of £5.</p> <p>NW has confirmed to the Chair by email that the high net to keep balls inside the new MUGA should be installed soon.</p>	

<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>LF offered to publish some details on the Murray Road Residents' Facebook page.</p> <p><b>Family Fun Day Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> <p>The starting time of the event is 12.00. The Chair confirmed that we did have a stall booked, and that we do not need liability insurance, as it came under the umbrella of IBC.</p> <p>Members agreed that we could hand out recruitment leaflets and also leaflets giving details of how to hire the table tennis equipment from MCD.</p> <p>PG said that it would also be a good opportunity to get visitors to the park to complete a questionnaire about their views on the park. He agreed to organise this.</p>	<p><b>PG</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>a) NW had informed the Chair by email that the IBC Buildings Team are currently organising the demolition of the old toilet block and will look at the installation of a drinking water fountain at the same time. PG said that it would not be a good idea to site the drinking fountain in the vicinity of the old toilets, as it was too far away from the picnic area, sports facilities and children's playground, It would not be noticed if it was tucked away in the corner, and should be much nearer to where it would be needed and used. The Group was in full agreement with this and asked that further consideration be given to the position of the water fountain.</p> <p>b) A local resident had asked if the bramble and ivy could be cut back in the small wildlife area in the North East corner of the Park (ie Murray Road side). IBC will do this in September after the birds have finished nesting.</p> <p>c) PG informed members that he had picked up a lot of broken glass in the large Wildlife Area, and that the pieces of glass were very hot. He had done this because he had been worried that the dry grass was a major fire risk, especially with the added glass. He has requested that IBC litter pick the area before the Autumn cut and rake, and the Group had received assurance from NW that they would do their best.</p> <p>d) The outdoor play area was due to be replaced in 2023.</p> <p>e) Members were informed that there would be "Jumpers for Goalposts" during the summer.</p>	<p><b>IBC</b></p>

- f) LF informed members that she had encountered a group of youngsters in Copleston school uniform at the Northern end of park and had politely asked them to put all their litter in a bin when they were done. They did not do so, but left masses of litter including a lot of school exercise books behind which had their names on, so she was able to identify them and inform the school.

## **7 Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday evenings are proving to be inconvenient for several people, so the Secretary tabled crib sheets to ascertain the best day and time for future meetings. Once all the results are in, a decision will be made and a revised calendar issued accordingly.

- Fully functioning commercial kitchen
- Fully equipped gym
- Large sports hall, with equipment for badminton, battle ropes, basketball, martial arts, keep fit, training for countering domestic violence (also looking into providing a temporary protective floor covering for the wooden sports floor, to enable the room to be used for additional functions)
- Workshop (at present being used to recondition old sewing machines)
- Meeting room, which can also be used for several other functions, eg childrens' parties
- Training ring (boxing)
- Other various offices and rooms

Services running at the moment include:

- Boxing Club
- Counselling service (Stacey Reed)
- Gym sessions (unsupervised, £10 a month)

Future Events/Facilities under consideration include:

- Sensory Room
- Car Boot sales
- Craft Fairs
- Other outdoor events
- Drop in Sessions

MCD are keen to establish a pool of volunteers, not only to help at Murrayside, but also other Centres around town.

MCD will be organising a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for the Ipswich Windrush Society on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023.