



Friends of Murray Park

Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at Murrayside Community Centre

Present:

Officers: Tracy Rowe (Chair) Joanne Mansie (Vice Chair)
Lesley Fayers (Treasurer) Sue Bird (Secretary)

Members: Dennis Carpenter, Jill Richardson.

Also Present: Cllr Roxanne Downes, Nick Wilcox (IBC)

Apologies: Jimmy Knight, Tom and Cailleigh Gorzelak. Malcolm & Jenny Ebbs

1 Excluded Persons Action

There were no excluded persons.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

(i) Damaged Notice Board

The damaged notice board had not been repaired, NW undertook to chase the matter up.

NW

(ii) Football Goalposts

The new goal posts will be moved when the area is re-seeded in mid-late February.

(iii) MUGA Net

This had not yet been repaired properly, but had been made safe with cable ties as a temporary measure. NW explained that a "cherry picker" had to be rented for this job and it was uneconomical to hire one for one small job.

4 Constitution

In addition to the amendments approved at the AGM, one further amendment was agreed, this being the deletion of item 5 concerning the business of the AGM. The Secretary would now amend and issue the new Constitution.

Secretary

5 Refurbishment of Children's Play Area

NW gave an update on the matter of the refurbishment of the Children's Play Area. He had spoken to Lisa Stannard and the state of play at the moment was that the refurbishment would go ahead, but there was no set date, hopefully prior to the summer holidays. Ms Stannard had our list of ideas.

JR asked how hygiene for the drinking water fountain would be maintained. NW explained that there was no specific plan in place, and that this would depend on what was available in the market place. He also reminded the meeting that whatever was installed it would be vulnerable to the ubiquitous vandalism.

6 Dog Walking Regulations

NW said he would have a look at the new bylaws and email the relevant information to the group.

NW

7 Finance/Banking

Opening balance was £602.09, and £74.16 had been spent on 2 more dispensers and locks, and £22.99 from the targeted funding on bags. The balance in the bank is £504.

TR is still owed £7 and this should be sorted out soon.

TR/LF

It was suggested that when we manage to obtain a QR code from the bank, as well as on the dispensers, this should also be posted on the website.

8 Any Other Business

(i) Waste bags/Dispensers

A member of the public had donated a supply of waste bags and the Group expressed their gratitude to the lady concerned.

The signs on the dispensers need to be situated higher, as some people relied on them rather than bring their own.

(ii) **Trees**

NW said that the dead trees on the park will be replaced shortly. It was thought that rowan trees do well on the park, but NW said that orders had already been placed and it would depend on what was in stock as to what could be used.

Hopefully the man who watered the young trees last year would be able to do so this year, but this was not certain.

There were some wonky support posts, and there was one place where a post and wire were still there but no tree present.

(iii) **Holes**

There are some holes which had been dug by dogs again. A man had been seen with a liver and white spaniel, who was allowing his dog to dig holes but, despite being told that they have to be filled in as they cause a trip hazard, he did not stop the dog from digging.

NW said they could supply some soil and might be able to get the holes filled in by his team.

It was also suggested that the Friends could arrange a working party to fill them in, but would prefer to wait until the weather improved.

(iv) **Muddy Areas by Gates**

It had become very muddy and waterlogged by both the gates at the north end. It was known that there were several primary school children who used those gates to cut across the park on their way to and from the school, who would have to negotiate these very muddy areas.

NW said that if someone could take photos of the areas of concern and send them to him, he would see about addressing the problem.

NW said that he had noted that the park was very well used now, and said that this was largely to do with the efforts of the Friends. There had been some positive feedback from park users, in that they felt safe on the park and overall it was a very good park to visit.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 26th March.