

# MINUTES

## Friends of North Sheen Recreation Ground AGM

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*Date | time* Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 8:30-10pm | *Meeting called to order by* Sue Burden (Chair)

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### In Attendance

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Sue Burden (Chair)

Katy Robins (Secretary)

Anna Gilbert (Treasurer)

Dan Benham

Michael Fletcher

Ruth Gledhill

Clarissa Fletcher

Erica Griffiths

John Samuel

Steve King

Pat Eades

Tony Eades

Lorraine Edwards

D. A. Ferguson

Colin Cooper (SWLEN)

### Apologies

Councillor David Linnette, Peter Hart, Dean Martin, Pam Ibrahima

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### Meeting Objectives

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- To outline the friends Group objectives and responsibilities
- To report on the activity of the Friends Group from the past year
- To report on the income and expenditure of the Friends Group
- To discuss the activities of the Friends Group in the forthcoming year

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### Chairs Welcome

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Sue Burden welcomed those attending the meeting and outlined the objectives and responsibilities of the Friends Group.

### **Who we are:**

- Friends of North Sheen Recreation Ground is an independent community volunteer group
- Richmond Council owns the Rec and is responsible for its upkeep and all facilities

### **Our objectives:**

- To protect and enhance North Sheen Rec as a community resource available for all to enjoy
- To act as a two-way channel for communication between Richmond Council and users of the Rec
- To suggest and propose new ideas to Richmond Council to improve the Rec for users

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## **Report on Friends Activity**

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### **Community Day**

Anna Gilbert informed the attendees about the success of the Community Day held in July:

- Over 200 people attended
- We signed up 16 new Friends
- Children's activities, Dog show & Exhibition were well attended and very popular
- Legacy First World War exhibition material will be shared / used in schools / borough exhibition in 2018
- Raised £33 for Friends Group and £50 for Darell School Playground project
- Funding - Civic Pride grant of £3839 from LBRUT.
  - £642.01 spent on event & exhibition
  - £150 spent on insurance for 12 months
  - £2659 allocated to bench commemorating the 129 local residents who lost their lives in the First World War / commemorative plaque / framed smaller version of map for café (includes cost of bench installation)

Key Learning Points for next event:

- Firm date well in advance to involve more local groups
- More helpers needed
- More activities for families

### **Playground**

Katy Robins presented the plans for the new playground following consultations with children, parents and FONSRG. The plans were much appreciated by all; some concern was raised in relation to the tube slide and safety; Katy reassured us that all equipment was safety-checked by Richmond Council. The installation will start in January 2016. Users of the Rec will be kept updated regarding the works and any closure to the playgrounds by the Council.

### **Dog walkers**

- The Dog Show was successful and should be repeated

- It was noted that there was a need to continue to keep a watch on dog mess but that it was not a major issue at present

### Environment

- Poppy meadow was very popular (currently planned to remain until 2018)
- Wildlife guides are on the Friends Website and more information on trees to be published

### Friends Group Website

The Committee acknowledged the invaluable help from SWLEN, Dan Benham and latterly Ruth Gledhill in creating the Friends' website / Friends Social Media activities.

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### Report from the Treasurer

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The income and expenditure report from the Treasurer was presented to the attendees and follows these minutes.

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### Friends Group Constitution

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Minor changes to the constitution (typographical errors) proposed by Michael Fletcher were approved. An updated Constitution will be made available publicly on the Friends Group website.

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### Election and Re-election of Committee Members

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According to the FONSRG Constitution, the Chair (Sue Burden), Treasurer (Anna Gilbert) and Secretary (Katy Robins) remain in post for 3 years (this is the second year).

The following committee members were elected / re-elected:

- Pam Ibrahima
- Ruth Gledhill
- Michael Fletcher
- Peter Hart
- David Linnette

Dan Benham stood down from the committee, but said he would still be available to assist in future; the Committee thanked him for his very helpful contributions over the past year, particularly at the Summer Event.

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### Suggestions for Friends' Activities for the next year

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The following items were suggested and will be pursued by the committee:

- **More flowers / wild flowers** needed with minimum maintenance; examples from Westerley Ware and planting by A316 outside car park - FONSRG Committee to follow up with Richmond Council

- **Outdoor Drinking Water Fountain** would be appreciated by Darell School when using the Rec – this is OK with the café (Colin from SWLEN to send us details of the Drinking Fountain charity who could help fund this)
- **To share the FWW exhibition material** with local schools Kew Society / other local groups
- **Possible name change to “Kew Park”** – Committee to gather feedback / information on any implications / feasibility

#### **Ideas for 2016 event**

- Link to Richmond Council Mini-fest
- Launch of new Playgrounds
- Environment Day with environmentally-focused activities (could include free-cycling etc) and could link to Pensford Field's environment activities)
- Music as a component (Steve King to recommend musicians)

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#### **Next Meeting**

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**To be confirmed.**

**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**Friends of North Sheen Recreation Ground (FONSR)**  
**For period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**

<b>INCOME</b>	£	£
Services provided		0
Fundraising and donations (includes £3839.00 Civic Pride grant from LBRUT)		4,122.00
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<b>COST OF SALES</b> ( <i>variable costs</i> )		
Direct staff costs	0	
Equipment - expenses for WW1 community event & exhibition	642.01	
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<b>GROSS SURPLUS</b>		3479.99
<b>EXPENDITURE</b> ( <i>overheads or fixed costs</i> )		
Management and Admin staff costs	0	
Rent of premises	0	
Heat, Light and Power	0	
Marketing	0	
Insurances	150.00	
Training	0	
Stationery and administration costs	0	
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<b>NET SURPLUS</b>		3,329.99
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NB Forward commitment/accruals for WW1 commemorative bench (2659.00)

Further income of 160.00 due from Chestertons for advertising boards