

MINUTES

Friends of North Sheen Recreation Ground

Date | time Tuesday 11th November 2014 7:30-9:30pm | *Meeting called to order by* Sue Burden (Chair)

In Attendance

Sue Burden (Chair)

Anna Gilbert (Treasurer)

Katy Robins (Co-Secretary)

Colin Cooper (South West London Environment Network)

Dan Benham (Committee member for the Environment Sub-Group)

Peter Hart (Committee member for the Environment Sub-Group)

Pam Ibrahima (Committee Member for the Dog Walking Sub-Group)

Michael Fletcher (Committee Member)

Erica Griffiths

Jackie Ricketts

Apologies:

Councillor David Linnette, Dean Martin, Tracey Baker, Caroline Pusey

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 29th September were approved.

Meeting Objectives

- Representatives from each sub-group to update the Committee on their key priorities.
- The Committee to agree our overall objectives (drafted separately) to be shared with the Council and other users of the Rec that had expressed an interest in being kept informed.

Playground Sub-Group

Katy Robins updated the committee following her meeting with Yvonne Kelleher of Richmond Council on 3rd October and her meeting with Yvonne and Rob Wheway (Children's Play Advisory Service Consultant) on 15th October.

The Council have agreed to refurbish the playground and will be consulting with the public until 5th December. Following this a report of the findings will be collated and shared with the Committee for our feedback. The Council will then agree the programme for the playground to be refurbished and will share this with the Committee too.

KR also informed the Committee that Rob Wheway and Yvonne Kelleher require the assistance of members of the committee to go to the Rec on Saturday 22nd November at 9:30am and spend the morning asking playground users to fill out surveys. Furthermore KR asked that the committee members share the link to the survey with their contact list.

Action: KR, Jackie Ricketts, Sue Burden, Anna Gilbert and Peter Hart to assist with getting surveys completed on 22nd November 9:30am.

Environment Sub-Group

Dan Benham and Peter Hart updated the Committee. The priorities agreed were:

1. To have more benches using the Dedication/Memorial Seats Scheme
2. To label the trees, design a Nature Trail and update a plan of the planting in the Rec.
3. To introduce flowers and have a poppy meadow
4. To have more trees planted.

Action:

Priority 1: DB to follow-up details of the benches scheme and how to publicise it with Pete Lewis (Richmond Council Parks Dept: pete.lewis@richmond.gov.uk)

Priority 2: PH to follow-up with Jane Crowther: jane.crowther@richmond.gov.uk (Richmond Council tree specialist)

Priority 3: PH to follow-up with Portia Baker: portia.baker@richmond.gov.uk (Landscape architect for Richmond Council)

Further action points which are not priorities:

- DB will also look into getting a grant to fund a water fountain.
- DB will continue discussions with the Council regarding the number of bins currently in the Rec and whether more are required or whether we just need bigger bins or bins in different places e.g. more bins by the Pavilion where people eat on the picnic tables / bigger bins by the gates so people can put their litter in the Rec bins as they exit the Rec rather than littering the surrounding streets
- Dean Martin to update the committee at the next meeting with regard to his discussions with the council about low-level lighting in the path leading from the Pavilion to Dancer Road entrance for users of the Pavilion in the evenings.
- Colin Cooper informed the committee about having nature trails on an app for smart phones which KR will look into.

Dog walking Sub-Group

Pam Ibrahima updated the meeting. The priorities agreed are:

1. Setting up a Dog Club
2. Organising a Dog Show for 27th June and to hold a photographic competition (charging a small fee)
3. To have more notices about the disposal of dog mess

Action:

PI to start signing up people for the photographic competition from 1st December.

PI to contact Matt Almond (Continental Landscapes – 0208 487 5276) regarding signs.

A further discussion was had regarding dog play apparatus for the separate dog park. KR to send PI and EG information/photos from the council of similar schemes to get their opinion.

Family/Community Event

The Committee agreed that the WW1 Event scheduled for 27th June 2015 would not encompass more than the original plan. The committee discussed options for the day including:

- Pop-up WW1 Museum with a talk from a local historian and children's activities
- An exhibition in the Pavilion commemorating the 129 servicemen who lived in the streets around the Rec who were killed in WW1 (names, service, age, where they lived) and a detailed focus on the stories of a representative few
- Dog Show and results of photographic competition
- Nature Trails launch
- Cake Sale fundraiser

Action: Sue Burden and Anna Gilbert to complete an updated event form and submit to the Council for approval.

AOB

The Committee noted their delight that the Council had removed the old fencing material at the back of the park and that they dealt with the bees nest in the tree over-hanging the playground so promptly.

The Committee agreed that having separate members liaise with the Council regarding their assigned areas / sub-group is preferred and will continue going forwards.

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting would remain confidential and only be shared with members of the committee, sub-groups and relevant bodies (ie Richmond Council). A separate summary as written in the first section would be shared with anyone who has expressed an interest in receiving information or if a member of the public requested to see it.

SB updated the Committee on the resignation of two members (Lynne Bryan and J-F Burford). PH will ask a parent from Kew Park Rangers if they would like to join the committee or to be a point of liaison going forward.

Next Meeting

Monday 12th January 2015, 7:30pm in the Pavilion