

Public Park Improvement Group
385 Social Club, Lochgelly
11th January 2016

Present

Davie Hemseid (DH), Tam Durham (TD), Stevie Murray (SM), Helen Ross (HR), Jean McDonald (JMc), Karen More (KM) Colin Davidson (CD), Stephen Duffy (SD) and Alex Lamond (AL) (Fife Council)

Apologies – Cllr Mark Hood

1	SM welcomed all and thanked them for attending the meeting. SM explained that tonight's meeting had been organised in preparation of the General meeting which had been confirmed for 25 th January.
2	<p>Note of Previous Meeting</p> <p>KM advised that she hadn't raised the issue about flooding at the foot of the park</p> <p>SD advised that the footpath repairs related to historical drainage problems. These weren't a serious risk to H&S of the public though. SD couldn't recall mentioning any figures associated with the repairs necessary.</p> <p>SM advised that he hadn't forwarded an application for the LGF funding. He felt that given the level of funds which the group has available to us that it would be unfair to have taken money which would have been allocated to smaller groups.</p>
3	Bank Account – Current Balance- £135,998.85. Correspondence had been received from BoS about the charges. The account hadn't been changed although we shouldn't have had any charges in the first 18 months. Margaret King advised that we were due to get another £10.40 reimbursed. SM to investigate this further.
4	<p>MUGA Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All members of the group were invited to attend the sod cutting event scheduled for 13th January at 2pm.• SM sought clarity about the timing of the commencement of the work and what preparations were in place for refurbishment of any damage.• SD advised that they would carry out regular site visits to monitor the work being undertaken. They would need to liaise with Mike Kilbank to find out what the exact timeline for works is.
5	<p>Children's Play Area</p> <p>CD explained that they were awaiting the paint work commencing by the Community Pay back team.</p>

	<p>CD advised that there were now three separate quotations for the refurbishment work of the play area</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £11500 – H&S Play Equipment 2. £12240 – JB Sports 3. £8500 - Caladonia play equipment <p>Quotations had been circulated to the group previously.</p> <p>SM asked whether further work had been undertaken to assess the effectiveness of the Caladonia method. CD advised that they had visited sites where the work had been carried out and it appeared to be of a reasonable standard and that the work was guaranteed for 3 years (except for vandalism).</p> <p>KM advised that the company had also been involved in works across the schools.</p> <p>SM asked whether the works could be completed at the same time as the MUGA court was completed. This would include the painting work needed.</p> <p>SD responded that they would need confirmation about the MUGA court but they would aim to tie the two together.</p> <p>Agreed that the work would be awarded to Caladonia and that CD make necessary arrangements for the work to commence.</p> <p>CD confirmed that the SPOS Service would pay costs associated with the ramp up to the climbing frame.</p>
6	<p>Public Park Signs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. North - Hall Street entrance b. South – Pavilion and lower level tennis court c. Additional sign at the Avenue entrance <p>CD to arrange installation and purchasing of additional sign for the avenue. CD to arrange an appointment for a site visit.</p>
7	<p>Park Development update</p> <p>CD and AL provided an update on the work which had been done since the last meeting. Copy attached.</p> <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site visit to be arranged to confirm bench locations • Discussion with Police Scotland and Fife Council regarding security Camera at the MUGA court. • Wall Repairs to be arranged • Consideration of options for the wall along the South side, e.g. hedging.

8	<p>Sensory Gardens</p> <p>Draft plans had been prepared and circulated by Andrew Haworth. These included plans to grass over the entire surface and introduce raised flower beds and a path through the middle.</p> <p>SM explained that he had contacted Craig Munro about the schools being involved and the possibility of linking in with the Jennie Lee commemorations.</p> <p>Agreed that final costs be provided for 'grassing' over the tennis courts (including the lower level) this year and replacing the fencing.</p> <p>North End</p> <p>SM explained that he had been contacted by several citizens from the north side of the town concerned that there was little work being carried out in that area. There complaints tended to be relating to the grassed area and the Red Ash Surface. SM advised that we need to look at options for improving this area and that we need to ask tenants what their ideas were.</p> <p>HR wanted information about the red ash so that they could organise the gala day.</p> <p>KM asked about the possibility of Outdoor Gym equipment on the red ash surface. HR asked where these would go as that they needed the whole area? SM explained that they would likely go around the outside of the area.</p> <p>SM suggested that they get trees planted sporadically along the length of two grassed panels which run symmetrically with Melgund place. These could be interrupted by wild flower beds along the roadside panel.</p> <p>HR said that the races take place on the grass area and the trees would stop them from putting up tents. DH suggested that they use the football pitch for the races instead? HR said that they had tried this before and nobody would walk across that far.</p> <p>DH asked whether the Red Ash could be grassed over. SD advised that this would take two years before anyone could use it.</p> <p>SM described the areas which were being referred to and explained that there would be ample room for the tents as the location of the trees would be nearer the path.</p> <p>Agreed that SM prepare a consultation document in order to get views on what options there were for the Red Ash surface going forward. AL and CD look into costs for a number of trees along the length of the two panels and wild flower beds.</p>
9	<p>AOCB</p> <p>SM had circulated a revised constitution for the group for the General Meeting. If there were any observations these should be sent back as soon as possible.</p>
10	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>General Meeting Monday 8th February 2016 at 6.00 in the 385 Social Club</p>

