

Public Park Improvement Group  
385 Social Club, Lochgelly  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

Present

Davie Hemseed (DH), Tam Durham (TD), Stevie Murray (SM), Karen More (KM) Colin Davidson(CD), Stephen Duffy (SD), Alex Lamond (AL) and Margaret King (Fife Council)

Apologies – Cllr Mark Hood and Helen Ross (HR)

1	<p>SM welcomed all and thanked them for attending the meeting. SM explained that tonight's meeting had been arranged as a follow up from the general meeting which had been held on 8<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>The agenda would cover Annual General Meeting business, although there would be an opportunity for discussion on the updates on the Park Development since the last meeting.</p>
2	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>MK advised that the meeting had sufficient delegates from the committee to proceed.</p> <p>SM advised that he had had concerns that the group membership would fall below an acceptable level and had met with the Area Services Manager to confirm what would happen in that scenario. It was confirmed that the group formed to oversee the funding was the Public Realms Works group. This group had a representative from the Community Council, although it was primarily Officer led. If the PPIG group failed to continue then the option would be to re-establish that group, although the first preference would be to revert responsibility to the Community Council. . It was agreed that we contact those who aren't in attendance to confirm whether they wished to continue or not.</p> <p>Chairperson – Stevie Murray, Proposed – Karen More; Seconded –Davie Hemseed Secretary – Stevie Murray, Proposed – Karen More; Seconded –Davie Hemseed Treasurer – Agreed to confirm whether Jean McDonald wished to continue in the role.</p>
3	<p>2015 Account – Circulated (and attached) Proposed – Tam Durham; Seconded Karen More.</p> <p>Agreed to email these to Councillors, Community Councillors and Kevin Sayer (Area Services Manager)</p>
4	<p>Constitution – Revised constitution had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed – Karen More; Seconded – Davie Hemseed</p>
5	<p>Park Update – CD and AL</p> <p>Park sign locations finalised. AL confirmed that these will be erected as soon as possible. The final sign had been identified and ordered for the Avenue entrance.</p>

	<p>Confirmation and agreement of costs of the trees for the area adjacent to the Red Ash had been ordered and will be planted over the coming weeks. The group were advised that some objections had been received from the LCDF about development of this area.</p> <p>CD spoke through the plans and identified where the trees would be planted, this confirmed that there would be no impact on tent erections for the gala and there was an alternative location for races close to the football pitch.</p> <p>Prunus serrula tibetica x12 @ £85.00 = £1020.00  Joseph rock x3 @ £82.00 =£246.00  Hupehensis white x2 @£140.00 = £280.00  Aucuparia edulis x3 @£82.00 = £246.00  Delivery = £60.00  Total = £1852.00</p> <p>Weather dependant, the play park area should be resurfaced and painted over the next few weeks.</p> <p>The group were advised that the tree adjacent to the new MUGA court had been pruned, however there remained concerns about safety. It may be that it will need to be removed. Agreed that if, as a consequence of these concerns, the tree needed to be removed then the group would want a replacement planted.</p> <p>The MUGA court noise protection screens should be erected at the same time as the court itself. This would avoid double work and resultant damage to the area.</p> <p>The group noted that maintenance vehicles had been accessing the park at the south side, not related to the court development, causing significant damage. SD to investigate further.</p> <p>Picnic Bench location agreed – x3 Plateau area, x1 Middle grass panel surrounded by new trees and x1 adjacent to wild flower area. KM asked about one opposite the MUGA court, advised that this area was heavily waterlogged due to the banking next to it. The group agreed that benches and picnic benches be monitored to see if more are required.</p> <p>Sensory Garden – The group confirmed that final costs should be provided for grassing over the two courts in order for further development over the coming months.</p> <p>Flower baskets – SM suggested that we look at installing some flower baskets on the lamp posts from the Hall Street entrance. This was approximately 5 or 6 posts. Agreed to ratify once final costs were provided.</p> <p>Red Ash – SM advised that there had been a discussion on the Lochgelly Past &amp; Present facebook page. This had confirmed that there is a desire for improving the</p>
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	area and suggestions were made about outdoor gym equipment. In the interim period it is part of maintenance.
6	AOCB KM raised concern about the land and buildings directly adjacent to the park. These were industrial units which have been derelict for some considerable time. Agreed that this be brought up through the Community Council in the first instance.
10	Date of next Meeting <b>General Meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 6.00 in the 385 Social Club</b>