## Public Park Improvement Group 385 Social Club, Lochgelly 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## Present

Davie Hemseed (DH), Tam Durham (TD), Stevie Murray (SM), Colin Davidson(CD), , Alex Lamond (AL) and Jimmy Mann (JM)

Apologies – Cllr Mark Hood, Karen More (KM), Stephen Duffy & Margaret King (Fife Council)

SM welcomed all and thanked them for attending the meeting. SM advised that JM and Carol Mackie had volunteered to participate in the group.

## 2 Matters Arising

SM advised that as per the guidance from Margaret King, he had contacted both George Kinnell and Helen Ross to see whether they wished to continue with their involvement with the group. George had responded that he wished to remain involved. There was no response from Helen. Agreed that George would continue although it was noted that he wasn't in attendance.

SM had spoken very briefly with Jean McDonald about continuing with the Treasurers role. Awaiting final feedback, JM agreed to take on the role if Jean didn't wish to.

SM advised that the issue regarding the derelict properties in Hall Street had been raised at the Community Council meeting and that they would raise it formally with Fife Council.

## 3 Park Update – CD & AL

Park sign locations finalised. AL confirmed that these will be erected as soon as possible, although it is likely to be after works have finished on the MUGA court.

Picnic Benches will be delivered on 21<sup>st</sup> March for installation over the next few weeks.

Community Pay back scheme started painting the equipment in the park today (20<sup>th</sup> March). Once they have completed this then the new surfaces will be laid. The ramp will also be replaced by the Council.

CD asked that the group consider purchasing two new bins in the park, agreed. One will be placed in a location close by to the MUGA court.

AL advised that they had commenced work on strimming the overgrown grass next to the beech hedging. This will need to continue though as there is a lot of debris (old boulders, bricks etc.)

The Trees have been planted in the area near the Red Ash. General feedback was that these were very nice and made an immediate impact.

The wild flower area will be marked out over the next few weeks.

TD advised that there had been discussion about the races when the gala is on, he confirmed that the gala committee would look at the area behind the changing rooms or on the football park.

CD provided brochures regarding the flower baskets for the lamp posts on the Hall Street Entrance. Agreed that final costs be provided on the tree type variety, which will have 3 or 4 baskets on each arm. CD to get costs and circulate, the group agreed to at least 5 lamp post from the entrance to the changing rooms.

Sensory Gardens – Costings to be finalised for the soil and grass seeding as well as removing the existing fence. It was agreed that this project needs to be fully worked up with associated plans and costings. CD to liaise with Andrew Haworth (Parks Development) to look at fuller details on the plans to allow for this. Discuss the project with Margaret King to look at funding opportunities.

MUGA court nearing completion, the tree didn't interfere with the tree after all. SM asked that CD get written confirmation about the repairs to the footpath and wall caused by the work.

AL advised that they hadn't replaced the cherry tree at this stage because of the possible damage.

JM asked about the entrance to the park on Auchterderran Road. CD advised that SM had contacted the Council about this and that work would be done to repair the damage in the next financial year. This would include bollards to stop vans and cars accessing from that point.

- 5 AOCB
  - There was none
- 10 Date of next Meeting
  - General Meeting Monday 11th April 2016 at 6.00 in the 385 Social Club