



Public Park Improvement Group
385 Social Club, Lochgelly
5th December 2016

Present

Stevie Murray (SM), Jimmy Mann (JM), Colin Davidson (Fife Council), Jean McDonald (JMc) Tam Durham (TD), Margaret King (MK) Carol Mackie (CM) & Cllr Mark Hood (MH)

Apologies – Stephen Duffy , David Hemseed & Alex Lamond

1	Minutes from previous meeting & Matters Arising Minutes approved – CM, seconded JM
2	Sensory Garden Development CD advised that they are still awaiting a quote from Transportation services, who would undertake both the development of the paths through the garden area and repair the foot paths through the park. It was anticipated that this work would be completed by February/ March 2017. SM advised that if there was no feedback within the next week then the group would write to Fife Council to chase the quote on. The group were keen to ensure that the work was completed for planting in the spring 2017. Lower Level Tennis Courts CD reiterated the that by removing the red blae from the top level and the lower level this can be used to support the development of the slope between the two levels. The initial works would be done at the same time as the upper level, additionally they would look at lowering the wall to make it safer. CD advised that Andrew Haworth would be able to provide more information about plans for the development of this area. Agreed – CD to chase up Transportation Services for timescales
3	Finance JM advised that we currently have £123,095.90 in the account. No outstanding invoices.



	<p>JM highlighted that he had now been put onto the system as a signatory after some considerable time.</p> <p>Action: MK agreed to arrange for the accounts to be audited on behalf of the group for the next meeting arranged for 30th January 2017.</p>
4	<p>Park Update</p> <p>MH highlighted that the designs for the skate park have been enhanced and are based on 'street scope' which is better for novices and links through the different abilities. It would tie in with the progression to more challenging and difficult skate parks in the area.</p> <p>The costs associated with the park are estimated to be in the region of £138k, the Park Improvement Group proposed to input £20k from their funds to support the project.</p> <p>CD advised that he had spoken with the local teams using the football pitches about cars and vans driving across the park, he had visited the site when a match was on. He had reinforced the point that driving across the park was damaging the area, not only the new surface but to the wider area. CD would continue to monitor this situation in line with Fife Council rules and expectations.</p>
4	<p>AOCB –MH advised that he was looking to arrange a meeting with the local football teams to discuss the development of the football hub. SM suggested that this be linked into the annual meeting of the group which would hopefully increase attendance from the previous annual meeting.</p> <p>SM advised that they had reviewed the amount of work which had taken place in the park since the group was formed and it showed an extensive amount of change. Not only the large projects like the MUGA court, Waste ground resurfacing and substantial tree planting but beech hedging, tidying up entrances, clearing the willow tree area, resurfacing the children's play area, maintaining the hedging around the children's play park and bulb planting. SM extended the groups thanks to all of the staff involved from Streets, Parks and Open Spaces for their efforts in achieving the improvements that we have seen, whilst there have been a few individuals who have opposed the work carried out, it is clear from the feedback that the Park is beginning to be some place that we can be proud off.</p> <p>Action – MH to liaise with local football teams to attend the meeting arranged for 30th January</p>
6	<p>Date of next Meeting Monday 30th December 2016 at 6.00 in the 385 Social Club – Annual Meeting and Special Topic</p>