

Lochgelly Public Park Improvement Group

Monday 23rd June

385 Social Club, Lochgelly

Present

Tam Durham (TD), Stevie Murray (SM), Helen Ross (LCDF), Karen More (KM)(New Farm Vale RA) Cllr. Mark Hood(MH), Stephen Duffy (SD) (Fife Council), Colin Davidson(CD) (Fife Council)

Apologies – Margart King (Fife Council), James Glen (LoSW)

1	SM welcomed all and thanked them for attending the meeting and added that as we move into the winter months he hoped that we would see work moving at a greater pace as staff become available to progress ground works.
2	<p>Children's play area – KM explained that she has noticed that some equipment had been removed sometime ago and that this hadn't been replaced. This has caused a lot of frustration for the people who use the area and generally makes the park un-useable.</p> <p>SD explained that the equipment had been taken away for repairs and maintenance although he wasn't aware where the round-a-bout was. They will look into this and respond fully.</p> <p>MH suggested that the park is in need of replacement and that the group should look at this as part of the wider redevelopment. This may be for next summer and full costs would need to be sought.</p> <p>SD agreed to investigate costs associated with a replacement play park</p> <p>SM responded that it is perhaps a learning experience for the Council in relation to maintenance of equipment during the months when the park is being used the most. For future reference it may be better it plan this task for winter. SM suggested that we look at two plans, one to replace the equipment in the short term and plan for a new park longer term. Agreed</p>
3	<p>MUGA – The group confirmed that the preferred area for the MUGA is the lower level tennis court. This is currently used by youngsters, although there are no actual facilities in the area. SD advised that this would be the most sensible area due to the hard surface being there already, this would reduce costs. MH advised that he had been contacted by one tenant in the area about increase in noise with the facility. SM also advised that he had been contacted by another who was supportive of the development. HR spoke through the area and explained that there wasn't any other</p>

	<p>opposition voiced when she spoke to people.</p> <p>Final costing's to be provided in order to commence this project as soon as possible.</p> <p>Agreed</p>
4	<p>Sensory Gardens- MH explained that he was due to meet with environment groups from the primary schools with a view to developing plans for the top level tennis courts. Education are keen to develop outdoor learning facilities. SM advised that at the previous meeting we discussed the need to progress this quicker and that if there was no feedback from the schools that we investigate further the points raised by CD relating to Aberdour Sensory Garden.</p>
5	<p>Football Pitch – the final specification has been provided. Costs range for the full size pitch although CD spoke through options available for this project. Works should be completed in the next 2-3 months, which would mean that there would be no impact on the gala day in 2015.</p>
6	<p>Lighting – no feedback from Fife Council as yet, although MH has been chasing this up. Discussion ensued about the extent that the lighting would be provided around the football park areas.</p>
7	<p>Fencing along the West side perimeter would approximately be between £8000 - £10000. This would enclose the park and generally improve the area visually. Agreed to confirm the actual boundary of the park and finalise costs.</p>
8	<p>Planting – SM asked about the wild flower planting on the north facing hill running toward Hall Street. CD advised that the work would commence in October (weed killing, rotovating and preparing for spring planting).</p> <p>The group agreed that more trees were necessary at the South entrance next to those already planted. These should extend the length of the entrance path to the path heading toward the tennis courts.</p> <p>The group agreed to investigate the costs associated with an outdoor gym area on the old skate park. Once final costs are available then consideration of options would be discussed.</p>
7	<p>Date of next meeting – 3rd November 2014, 385 Social Club</p>