

## Public Park Improvement Group

385 Social Club, Lochgelly

21<sup>st</sup> September 2015

Present

Tam Durham (TD), Stevie Murray (SM), Helen Ross (LCDF), Karen More (KM)(New Farm Vale RA) George Kinnell (GK)(LoSW) Jean McDonald (JMc)(LCC), Colin Davidson(CD) and Alex Lamond (Fife Council)

Apologies – Margaret King and Stephen Duffy (Fife Council), Cllr Mark Hood

1	<p>SM welcomed all and thanked them for attending the meeting and added that this was the first meeting of the group since January this year. Due to a range of factors the group hadn't met to discuss the development of our park. However, it was important the group continued to push forward as a group.</p> <p>KM commented that it was disappointing that the group hadn't been as active during the last few months and hoped that we can take control of the work needed to get the park up to an acceptable standard.</p> <p>General discussion about the aims, purpose and objectives of the group took place. The following was agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Monthly meetings to be arranged for the group to ensure that plans are progressed.</li><li>2. Any decisions in relation to the Park development must be through the group. (This may include ratifying decisions taken by Officers after an event to allow work to progress.)</li><li>3. The group objectives be expanded to look at wider environmental functions in the Town. Taking the form of an Environmental Action Group (EAG).</li><li>4. It was confirmed that the Public Park Improvement Group is an independent group with its own constitution and bank account, although it was important to retain communications with the Community Council. As part of the agreement reached with Fife Council at the outset monitoring and reporting is through the Area Committee structures and to the Area Manager.</li></ol>
2	<p>Bank Account – SM confirmed that the account had been opened, this had been a protracted process. Currently there has been one transfer into the account of £48,000.</p> <p>Current Balance- £47,998.85 (Service charges from Bank of Scotland of £5.50 (April) and £5.65 (May))</p> <p>No invoices had been received in relation to any works which had been carried out to date.</p>

	<p>Action - SM to liaise with Fife Council regarding outstanding payments for the section 75 funds were due and monies associated with the Skate Park fund which was being used for the MUGA court.</p>
3	<p>Park Development update</p> <p>CD and AL provided an update on the work which had been done over the previous few months and confirmed that the MUGA court work would start with the next couple of months.</p> <p>MUGA - Some concerns were expressed by the group about the mature tree at the edge of the area designated for the MUGA. CD confirmed that he would look into the plans to see whether this was a problem. The group hoped that the tree could be retained.</p> <p>Football Pitch - The group were advised that this had been put on hold due to the costs associated with the work required.</p> <p>Paths – JMc highlighted that the paths through the park were in a state of disrepair and needed fixing. CD to investigate whether this is part of regular maintenance.</p> <p>Sensory Garden – Top level tennis court, no feedback from the schools as yet about their involvement in the designs. SM to liaise with Cllr Hood and Lochgelly West PTA representative and KM to raise at the Lochgelly South PTA.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>It was agreed that a further site walkabout would be useful to review work to date and what the group priorities were. It was also suggested that greater publicity be arranged for the work in the park.</p> <p>Date agreed – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 at 1.30pm</p>
4	<p>AOCB</p> <p>It was agreed that we would link in with other active community groups as and when necessary. This would be particularly useful if the remit of the group expanded to include an environmental action group responsibility.</p> <p>Whilst some of the larger projects are important, the group agreed that we needed more focus. It was agreed that as part of the site visit we look at smaller projects with defined timescales which were achievable.</p>
5	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p><b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 6.00 in the 385 Social Club</b></p>

