

## Friends of St George Park Meeting

Held 1-3pm, Monday 14 October 2019, Bethesda Methodist Church, 134-140 Church Rd, Bristol BS5 9RB.

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### In Attendance & Apologies for Absence

There were 6 attendees and 5 apologies. Because these minutes are available as a public document on our website, we do not list full names for privacy reasons.

### Review and Approve Previous Minutes

1. Minutes from 12 August 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### Follow Up Actions in Previous Minutes

2. Action: **Secretary** get an electronic litter pick form from Bristol Waste for reporting. **Carried forward.**
3. Action: **Secretary** purchase more high-vis jackets for litter picks. **Carried forward.**
4. Action: **Committee** to consider use of unspent grant amounts. **Carried forward.**
5. Action: **Treasurer** to source "donation tins". **Carried forward.**
6. Action: *We were still keen to see drinking fountains reinstated.* **Carried forward.**

### Lake Project Update

7. Per Asher 13 October, the CIL funding has been approved, subject to matched funding. Action: **Maggie** to follow up with Asher as getting funding may be a problem prior to getting planning approval.
8. We have submitted an updated pre-planning application. Action: **Maggie** to follow up.

### Photo Competition

9. We have 31 entries so far, closes 31 October. We need to:
  - Identify the 12 most popular photos and identify which months they represent. Action: **Nick** to do this ASAP after 31 October and send pictures and voting info to the committee for approval.
  - Get prices/quantities (100 & 200?) and advice on layout/type and packaging from a local printer. Action: **Janice** to investigate.
  - We need to make people aware on Facebook of the end date for submission and voting. We can also ask people to pre-order to avoid disappointment. Action: **Nick**
  - We would post them if people wanted with a P&P charge.
  - Each person who had a photo in the calendar would get a free copy as a prize.
  - We will need to collect payment in cash, by cheque or bank transfer.

### Gardening Group

10. Gardening Group:
  - Our bee & butterfly garden has been set up
  - Need to tidy/clear shed. Action: **Ceri/Stella** to organise
  - Need more volunteers. Action: Stella follow up with Ella Hogg (Council Volunteering officer)
  - We are waiting for Joe at Park Work to rebuild the broken beds as agreed between him, Teija and Stella. Action: **Stella** to monitor.
  - Should we hold a family planting event in the spring to encourage families to get involved? Action: **Stella** to discuss with group.

### Any Other Business

11. It was noted that we had planned a mural on the "cow shed" a couple of years back including buying the paint and anti-graffiti coating. A local artist was going to do this, completing it would be a positive action:
  - Action: **Ceri** to check if paint is still in the shed when she does the tidy up.

- *Action: **Maggie** to contact artist Cheo about doing the work.*
- *Action: **Nick** to contact Teija/Asher for permission and support for doing this*

12. We had an article in this month's Voice encouraging people to be good friends of the park.
13. Nick is meeting Grenville Johnson of SGIB & Trevor on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. The committee was very clear that in view of past issues, no commitments should be made on behalf of FOSGP. *Action: **Nick** to report back.*
14. Nick meeting new member on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> about improving web site and Facebook presence.
15. Wesport (who run tennis courts) are arranging "St George Active Festival" during half term week (w.c. 28 October).
16. Skatepark meeting – didn't happen. *Action **Nick** to follow up.*
17. H&S Training – useful, we need to update what we do to protect volunteers. *Action **Nick** to follow up.*
18. The Bake Box was now open and generally well received. Some people thought the hours were wrong (Weds-Sunday 09.30-15:30). *Action: **Nick** follow up on duck food sales and consider using our Facebook presence to mediate the opening hours.*
19. Nick had met with a resident who is keen to support a sustainable fresh food market in the area.
20. We should consider a Christmas craft market in 2020. *Action: **Events** to follow up early 2020.*
21. Membership, 5 new since list meeting, now 22. Facebook 1,370+ over 80 joined in past 2 months
22. We had been part of a meeting with the bowling club to discuss options following recent planned council increase in fees for maintenance. They are deciding what to do. *Action: **Nick** to monitor.*
23. Nick had contacted Teija about the removal of benches (including one damaged at west side of lake and one near entrance to bowling green), these will be replaced. A copy of Teija's bench document was circulated at the meeting. It was agreed that the metal benches were the best options for replacement. Since the Council cannot fund replacement benches, we would consider fundraising to do this. *Action: **Nick** to follow up.*
24. Skatepark updating/refurbishing by enthusiasts – meeting didn't happen. *Action: **Nick** to follow up.*
25. H&S training was useful, need to apply. *Action: **Nick** to follow up.*

### Next Meeting

It was agreed that we should make meetings easier for new members. The next meeting will be 7:30pm, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Provisionally at Beehive Centre, if not Community Centre or Library. People were welcome to bring festive nibbles and drinks. *Action: **Chris** to try and book Beehive as she has a key.*

Minutes Agreed & Approved:

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