

## Friends of St George Park Meeting

Held 1:00-3:00pm, Monday 10 February 2020, Bethesda Church, Church Road, Bristol.

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### In Attendance & Apologies for Absence

There were 4 attendees and 2 apologies. Susan Barker (Royal Horticultural Society Outreach Advisor for SW England) and Ella Foreman (Bristol City Council Volunteer Coordinator) also attended.

Note that this meeting only had 3 committee members and so did not have a quorum of 4 required by the constitution. Accordingly, any decisions made are subject to approval at the next meeting with 4 or more committee members.

### Review and Approve Previous Minutes

1. Minutes from 9 December 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### Follow Up Actions in Previous Minutes

2. Action: Treasurer get a litter pick form from Bristol Waste for reporting. *Dropped due to lack of response from Bristol Waste.*
3. Action: **Treasurer** purchase 5 more high-vis jackets for litter picks. **Carried forward.**
4. Use of three partially spent grants. Actions:
  - *Lottery – We have had Lottery approval to use this for funding studies for Lake project*
  - *NP – Agreed we will use this to support initiating the skatepark improvement*
  - *Green Capital – **Maggie** to contact Avon Bat Group about a bat walk*
5. **Treasurer** to source two metal “donation tins”, let Chair know what format artwork is needed. **Carried forward.**
6. **Chair** to talk to council about reinstating drinking fountains. **Carried forward.**
7. Consider a Christmas craft market in 2020. **Events Team** to follow up early 2020.
8. Tidy up our shed. Done.
9. Mural on the “cow shed graffiti. Asher will support us. **Chair** awaiting response from Teija on how this can be done and then contact Artist Cheo.
10. **Chair** to monitor decisions by Bowling Club on future use of bowling greens. **Carried forward.**
11. External Tap (#13 previous minutes) There is no external Bake Box tap.
12. Need for more members/Volunteers (#14 previous minutes):
  - **Maggie** will contact Lake Project group members with more information.
  - We have 5 new members focused on the wheelpark project
  - Community Gardeners would like more members (see RHS course in Gardening Group below)
  - Other actions, like refurbishing play area, need people to get off the ground

### Lake Project Update

13. We have had a response to the pre-planning application. This was broadly positive but indicated a need for various studies about impacts. It will not be possible to complete the bird study until the Autumn and funding will be needed. So work is unlikely to start before autumn 2021. Action: **Nick** to draft a brief summary of the project status that we can give to people and send to Maggie for review.

### Gardening Group

14. Susan Barker outlined a proposed free gardening course of 6 lessons with 10 places that would run from May-June on Mondays 5-7pm, with the class element probably held at the Library. She was meeting with Stella and Liz in the park on 18 February to discuss further. It was hoped this would bring new members

into the Community Garden. Action: **Chair** to make Trevor aware of this meeting, copy to Susan Barker and Friends of St George Library.

15. Stella was following up on the broken central planter and concerns over use of glyphosate in the park.

Wheelpark

16. Robin Lewis (on of 5 new members interested in updating the wheelpark) gave a presentation of the vision pf what the wheelpark could become and noted that the idea was to “think big”. This included reducing the contention between different types of users, being an attractive part of the park and welcoming to all as a social and recreational area and potentially make the wheelpark a venue for occasional events. It was noted that the vision would be presented to the community meeting on 23 February and that community engagement was vital as well as achieving a balance with the rest of the park. Action: **Wheelpark Group** provide an update at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

17. Photo Competition calendars had been a great success, 200 printed, £150 surplus for group and many given away to local care homes and other people. Action: **Next Meeting** plan for next year’s calendar.

18. Chris noted the Lantern Parade organised by Dee Moxon was going ahead.

19. There was some concern over the plan to hold “The Big Bagaga Show” in the park at the beginning of May. Action: **Chair** to contact Council about concerns over vehicles in the park, risk to wildlife in the nesting season and where in the park would be located.

20. There had been a recent incident with a speeding cyclist hitting a dog. Action: **Chair** to follow up with Parks Forum.

21. Membership 34. Facebook 1,510.

22. We will resume litter picks in March 2020.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in an evening or weekend. Action: **Chair** to propose and agree a date.

Minutes agreed & approved:

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