



TRUSTEES' MEETING

Tuesday 4th July 2023

MINUTES

1. Present:

Chris Beer (chair), Caroline James, Sue Welch, Derrick Marrs, Norma Blackith Barbara Williams

2. Apologies in advance:

Laura Clark, Stuart Lowerson, Matt, Kathryn Henderson

3. Did not attend:

Helen Harran, Eddie Hope

(It was agreed that the chair will contact Trustees who have not been able to attend meetings, to ask if they would prefer to stand down and continue as volunteers thus creating opportunities for potential new Trustees)

4. Acceptance of mins of previous meeting:

Minutes of meeting held on 7th June were accepted.

5. Financial Matters

a) Finance report previously circulated with the agenda was accepted.

b) National lottery grant.

Noted that grant of £10k has been received

c) Operation Payback application

Suitable projects to include in an application were discussed. It was agreed that graffiti workshops would be a possibility subject to Matt's availability and cost. CB to approach him.

6. Crawcrook Pavilion and Bowling Green (lead – LC)

a) Pavilion works.

A quote of £4,500+ for electric shutters has been accepted. Preferred colour –mid-blue. The bowling green was agreed to be the priority for new outdoor seating. It was agreed that planters will not be provided for the area outside the pavilion due to extra work involved in care and possibility of interference. Plumbing work is in hand. A gravel pit is to be dug to act as soak away at rear of pavilion as interim measure until new drain can be installed. Serving counter is to be lowered.

b) Community Cafe

Generally agreed that first weeks have been positive. Discussed the likely need to change opening times and refreshments offer in winter. (To return to nearer the time.) Agreed that dogs be allowed into cafe but owners asked to keep them on leads. Dog treats to be sold.

c) Summer holiday lawn games on green – deferred

d) Pavilion and Green Hire

There have been several enquiries and weekly ‘Chair yoga’ appears to be going well.

e) Bowling Green update

Further work to tidy flowers beds has been undertaken but more needed. To raise at AGM in the hope of enlisting more volunteers.

f) CCTV update.

To be installed on 6th July. CB to ask for price for one additional camera.

g) Fence update

No response received from Gateshead Council. SW to follow up re re-fitting gate in play area fence, thought to be with Darren.

7. Review of regular activities

a) Litter Picking – deferred

b) Gardening

SW gave update. Work recently undertaken includes top beds in park, barrier baskets, weeding by bowling green fence, library flower beds and pinfold. SL to be asked to strim area around trees in park play area.

8. Community Garden update

Emmaville school has taken one of the raised beds and have planted vegetables. Our Villages is to look after one raised bed as an interim measure. Quotes have been received for a gate to provide access from the park. Next meeting is on 10th July.

9. Upcoming events (lead – CB)

a) Crawcrook Fair.

Version 3 of the event plan has been submitted to Gateshead Council but no response yet. Disappointment expressed at general response from council which has not been experienced as enabling or supportive. Agreed to make representation on this subject once the fair is over. Fair meeting dates – July 12th and 26th and August 2nd

b) AGM fixed for July 18th. CB to give review of year’s activities and speaker from Hope for Hedgehogs.

- c) **Autumn Fair.** 18th November, Greenside Community Centre. Agreed to be re-titled 'Christmas Craft Fair'.
- d) **Joint quiz/bingo night** – deferred

10.AOB

a) Christmas lights

CJ liaising with Gateshead Council. Agreed no new festoons this year but will purchase solar lights for park trees. DM to get costs.

b) Compound clearout and additional storage.

Agreed to get a skip to empty unwanted items from lockup. Awaiting council response to enquiry about locating storage shed inside the bowling green.

c) Sculpture trail – deferred

d) **Improvements to OV website.** Agreed, likely to have to pay for work to be done as volunteer input not forthcoming.

e) Advertise secretary role. To raise at AGM.

11.Date and time of next meeting:

Tuesday Sept 5th 7.00pm in the pavilion.