

The Friends of Hammonds Pond

Minutes of the Meeting – 16th April 2014

Present: S Ford, K Smith, D Sproat, P Herring, D Pearson, D Cape, M Hodgkinson, S Broak, J Thompson, D Cape, PC A Watson

Apologies: J Pasley, B Scroggie, B Bain, D Wilson, , PC Labram,

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were read and agreed

Business of the Meeting:

- 1) **Matters Arising:** AGM – to advertise for next month as too short notice.
- 2) **Carlisle City Council Update:** There are a few areas of ‘dead’ grass, this is in preparation for planting poppies to commemorate the Centenary. Toilet lockups, it is being looked into to open later and looking into who could take it on board to do, there is some hesitation though due to past vandalism, will look at keeping them open longer but be closely monitored. The City are aware of the burnt patch on one of the football pitches, due to fire damage but no suspects, a fence has also been pulled out by vandals, will be looked at and sorted. The Café and boats are going to tender, they will keep us updated as things progress but part of the package is to keep the café accessible to us as a group, till anything is completed Heather will carry on running the Cafe. Summer Splash meeting soon for 2014 plans to now include Keenan and Melbourne Parks as well as Hammonds and Chances Parks. Noticeboard to go up soon.
- 3) **Police Update:** At the next meeting there will be an open Community Police Forum from 5-6pm. Kids on the Café/Toilet roof, residents have been helping out by calling 101 if witnessing kids up there, generally quiet at the moment.
- 4) **Seed Planting Event:** **Saturday 19th April** 10.30-12.30. All volunteers welcome! DS has the compost, seeds and plant pots from Green Spaces.
- 5) **Easter Event:** **Monday 21st April 1-4pm**, all hands on deck if possible to anyone who can come along however limited time they may have. DS had made all the doors, SF and JT have painted doors ready and prepared the quiz. DS and JT have some jigsaws, SF has some raffle prizes and crème eggs.
- 6) **AOB:** Cheque from Carlisle City Councillors D Cape & D Wilson towards our display boards (Display Boards, desktop and freestanding and our own pergola), SF to bring prints to next meeting of possibilities, suggest also get a laminator to make the presentation of photos last longer. JT suggested having a sort out in the cupboard we have access too, see what could be tidied and have a bit of an inventory of what we do have. To look at getting some new tabards, Gala update on agenda at next meeting. AGM in May as needs to be advertised in advance.

Next meeting date

Wednesday 21st May in the Park Cafe @ 6pm