

Friends of Markfield Park FOMP

Meeting on Sunday 9th January 2011 at Café Pistachios,
Markfield Park 11am-1pm

Agenda

1. Introduction of Maggie Hulson representative of Gladesmore Community School
2. Agreeing and signing of constitution by FOMP members and FOMP Treasurers update
3. FOMP mailing lists and website
4. BTCV & community garden
5. Aysin's update on the café
6. AOB

Introductions and apologies

Present –

Janis Wales (Haringey Council- Community Outreach Officer, Markfield Park) JW

Deborah Cawkwell (Web manager of FOMP & Vartry Residents' Association) DC

Aysin Djemil (Founder Pistachios Cafes) AD

Nadine Fraser (Friends of Markfield Park and local resident) NF

Corinne Roberts (Friends of Markfield Park) CR

Paul Thompson (Friends of Markfield Park and local resident) PT

Maggie Hulson (Gladesmore School representative, teacher and local resident) MH

Apologies –

Uma Nathan (Markfield Project) UN

Michael Bury (BTCV) MB

Ken Brereton (Friends of Markfield Committee Member and museum trustee) KB

Fred Clark (Friends of Markfield Committee Member and museum trustee) FC

Alice Hancock (Pushy Mothers) AH

1.0 The FOMP committee welcomed Maggie Hulson a teacher of Gladesmore Community School and local resident and user of Markfield Park. She will be representing the school at meetings and communicating information from and to the FOMP committee. The members gave Maggie a quick update on the recent café issues.

2.0 FOMP members agreed and signed the constitution. See attached. Bank account has been sourced by the treasurer (NF) and CR ,PT and NF have agreed a date to open a FOMP account at the bank. The funds to open the account, currently stands at £75 from the Winter Fair on December 12th 2010.

3.0 JW has been compiling a general mailing list using some of the local residents email addresses supplied by NF. However, about 50% bounced back as their handwriting was unintelligible. DC is creating new space on website for contact list and looking into creating individual email accounts for committee members rather

than use own email addresses. She also reported that the site averages 260 hits per day which is great news!

4.0 There was a general discussion about the future of the community garden. JW said that the future of BTCV working with volunteers after the end of March was uncertain with the loss of funding at the moment. More gardening volunteers will be needed to upkeep this space and JW will post an advert on the HAVCO website and DC will also advertise on the FOMP website for interested local help. She also asked whether it was possible to make it into a green gym? NF suggested the schools could maybe get more involved. JW said the Markfield Project might also have some ideas and plans. Added at end of meeting by CR, she said there are a few people who have shown interest and she has contacts of people who work with the St Mungos organisation who could possibly use this space as a growing vegetable project. JW said that she had received an email from Cheryl Scarlet who is looking into green space vegetable growing funding. CR is to report back more information at next meeting. To be contd.

5.0 AD the owner of Pistachio's franchise introduced himself and said his son Remie is running the Markfield Park café with his and JW's help, until they find a new franchisee. He said that the council has agreed a rent free period (up to 24th October 2011) in lieu of services rendered. He said the previous managers didn't have had the funds to organise the activities and events that are required by the council's agreement. The ideas he is investigating are: Football coaching to start end of January; Slimming club; Pushy Mother's boot camp; Eagle Heights, Bird of Prey; Petting Zoo; Ethnic cooking events; Children's cooking school; School trips to farm. He reiterated that there would be a 20% vat exemption reduction on all food, a 10% concession card and other offers to be arranged. He also mentioned he would offer half portions for instance on jacket potatoes. He also agreed to supply DC with menu and price details for inclusion on the FOMP website.

6.0 MH suggested applying to the Table Tennis Association for funding for a table tennis table outside the café.

6.1 JW is organising a park visitor's survey to be send to all local residents which is very detailed and she will feedback with the results. MH requested hard copies to be available to hand out in the school. DC will liaise with JW about adding a link of the survey to the website.

6.3 PT mentioned of the need for extra lighting near the café. JW replied that there probably wasn't any funding available for this.

6.4 JW asked MH if it was possible to have the next meeting at the school because when it is held in the evening, members walking through the park in the dark was an issue. MH will find out and report back.

6.5 PT asked who is responsible for the pavilion and how are local people able to use it? It was discussed that several local user groups had shown interest in using the pavilion. MH said the school use it for football but JW will clarify this question by asking relevant people again.

6.6 JW invited the FOMP to apply for a Safer Parks Award for Markfield Park. The deadline is 31st January. She will fill in form. DC suggested putting something on website to get feedback. MH is checking into the school community police presence in and around the school and park as the current officer has been promoted and will not continue with her duties in this role.

6.7 The Museum steaming dates for 2011 are April 25th - Easter Monday; May 2nd - Monday (Spring Bank Holiday); May 30th - Monday (Spring Bank Holiday) June 26th – Sunday; July 24th – Sunday; August 29th - Monday (Bank Holiday)

The MBeam museum will also be participating in the Museums by Night event May 13th Friday, 14th Saturday, 15th Sunday although at present have not decided on which night to steam. They are also steaming on Open House week end September 17th 18th Saturday & Sunday

6.8 The date of the next community event in the park was decided for Monday 30th May 2011 (when the Museum is open and steaming), It was suggested that the theme of the event could be to fund the installation of two basketball hoops in the MUGA. The council have the hoops and poles but need funding for the back plates and the installation. JW has two estimates around £1,200. PT will look into funding for this from relevant associations. Could Gladesmore school be involved? MH to look into this but explained the issues of H&S and school staff manning sessions.

NEXT MEETING AGREED FOR MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2010 7PM VENUE TO BE ARRANGED –

Meeting at either Gladesmore Community School, the Pavilion or the café. See 6.4 Committee will be informed by Thursday 3rd Feb the latest.

NB: All action points underline