

Friends of Markfield Park FOMP

Meeting on 9th March 7pm-8.30pm at Pistachio's Café, Markfield Park

1. Agree on last minutes
2. PC Tom Smyth – Introduction and update
3. Mark Grosskopt – Jewish community leader update and event information
4. Tim Pyall - Parks Neighbourhood Manager (East)
5. CR & NF: Update from FOMP secretary and treasurer (Bank account/Funding applications)
6. Markfield Project update
7. JW: Event 14th May – Firming up of ideas and plans (Events application form deadline)
8. JW: Other events: Ferry Lane School Activity Day 6th April; Jewish Event 21st April; Royal Wedding Bank Holiday 29th April; Model Engine Day 26th June. Any other planned events for the year
9. JW & PT: Sports activities update: basketball, tennis, netball, football
10. RD: Cafe update
11. AOB
12. Check action points from last minutes have been discussed
13. Date of next Meeting

Introductions and apologies

Present –

Janis Wales (Haringey Council- Community Outreach Officer, Markfield Park) JW
Deborah Cawkwell (Web manager of FOMP & Vartry Residents' Association) DC
Michael Bury (BTCV) MB
Fred Clark (Friends of Markfield Committee Member and museum trustee) FC
Remie Djemil (Interim Pistachios manager) RD
Nadine Fraser (Friends of Markfield Park and local resident) NF
Paul Thompson (Friends of Markfield Park and local resident) PT
Tom Smyth (Seven Sister's SNT) TS
Chris Watts (Seven Sister's SNT) CW
John Stuart (Pistachio's kitchen support & friends) ST
Sarah Miller (Markfield Project) SM
Mark Grosskopt (Jewish community leader and local resident) MG

Apologies –

Uma Nathan (Markfield Project) UN
Corinne Roberts (Friends of Markfield Park) CR

Maggie Hulson (Gladesmore school representative, teacher and local resident) MH
Ken Brereton (Friends of Markfield Committee Member and museum trustee) KB
Carlotta England (Publicity support and friends of Pistachio's café) CE
Nigel Young (Euroart) NY
Aysin Djemil (Founder Pistachios Cafes) AD

- 1 Last month's minutes were agreed
- 2 TS: Introduced self and Chris Watts. Reported no specific crimes in the park area to be concerned about. Police presence at Gladesmore school is their focus during the week. Reduced staff but covering best they can. New staff sought to replace. Lighting in the park is an issue which they would like to see improved. TP: Will look into this with street lighting dept and also tree work to reveal lights.
- 2.1 MB: Said he was concerned about drinking and litter in the community nature garden and TS responded that they remove drinks and pour away TP: Said he will continue looking into replacing the community garden's bin.
- 2.2 CW: Will supply police telephone number contact cards to display in the park and cafe.
- 3 MG: Announced the local Jewish Community is hopefully planning a Passover community event on 21st April 2011. The plans are for a funfair, animals and other events. He also mentioned his community would like to be involved in the Community Nature Garden. There is a meeting schedule for 17th March with the Markfield Project and BTCV. MB: Reiterated that the meeting is to discuss the future of the garden after end of March. SM: Said this garden was part of the Markfield Project lease.
- 4 TP: Said Park service is reviewing dog and litter bins, gate locking and lighting. There is now a company with a gulley sucker to remove silt on cobbles to stop flooding over by the Markfield Road gate area. Waste from Donovans doesn't help the situation. He will be speaking to Jim Goodson. Parks dept have engaged Orange Rock Corp to clean up the overgrown area by the Amphitheatre to deter rough sleepers. For the Community project scheme there needs to be a large job for them to do such as painting railings. DC: We should identify projects and put a list on our website.
- 4.1 MB: Asked TP. With the cuts will that mean the park keeper won't be in the park so often? TP: We have a commitment with the HLF and will discuss if it changes but we will probably lose 30% of maintenance staff
- 5 NF: FOMP bank account almost completed but more forms and signatures required have held this up slightly. Funding application forms for Parks small grants, Sport England small grants were going to be applied for. Also, will look into BTCV community project insurance.
- 5.1 DC: Mayor's office is keen to get funding for food growing in the city

MB: Planning to plant some fruit trees in the community nature garden.

- 6 SM: Have obtained a 3 year funding from the BBC Children in Need to open up the Adventure Playground every Saturday. Have organised an event on Saturday 19th March 10.30am to 1pm for an adventure play volunteer recruitment drive with the local community. The Wednesday drop in club funding runs out at end of March but Markfield Project are working on funding bids to increase this back to two days, Wednesday and Thursday. NF: Suggested a fund raising event at the large parks event on 14th May to help raise money to keep both days open. Will put idea to Mums.
- 7 This item on the FOMP community event on 14th May was not discussed as ran out of time. JW: Would think of some ideas and for others to do the same and contact her.
- 8 JW: Other planned events included the Ferry Lane Children's activity day on Wednesday 6th April. One class aged 8/9years will participate with the MBeam Engine Museum, BTCV, Lee Valley Bats and tennis coaching with Haringey's Rec Services. A general conversation was held about encouraging other schools to use the park for recreation and similar events. After the Jewish event on 21st April, the café might organise a Royal Wedding Event. Ideas need to be firmed up. 14th May event was left as an agenda item of it's own at end of meeting. 26th June event to be held by Museum with plans organised later in year. It was also suggested that the Tottenham Civic Society might be able to be part of a steaming day in July.
- 8 PT: Had looked into basketball funding and sent details to JW. This didn't look very hopeful. Were still waiting for Gladesmore School report back on installation of basketball hoops in MUGA. Temporary netball posts were to be installed sometime in the future with the possibility of coaching in the MUGA. MG: Suggested other funding streams such as the Princes Trust, Jack Petchey Foundation.
- 9 JS: Announced an event organised by the café on Friday 22nd April (Good Friday) to include a BMX competition. They are talking to the BMX shop about this and may also have a band. They are going to do publicity and flyers for this. JW to send founder member of BMX park, Stephen Barrow's contact details to Remie as he needs to be consulted on this.
- 10 The café have arranged Rucksack Kids every Thursdays between 1.30-2.30pm at the café until 7th April 2011. They will inform JW if this is like to continue after that date.
- 11 General Committee discussion:
 - It was noted that it is disappointing that the members of the Bowling Club do not participate in FOMP meetings and park issues. New surface due to be put in within a couple of weeks. JW said she has

offered to help re-launch their club and help with membership when it re-opens.

- The issue between Aysin from Pistachio's café and the local mum that was discussed in the last month's minutes, is still not resolved. There is friction and mums are boycotting the café now. NF and RD are to liaise on working on a way forward.
- Pavilion issues: JW to get keys this week. Park service need to generate income from pavilion. The question of who takes the bookings for the pavilion and whether the school has a lease came up again. At present bookings should be made to the council booking officer Bridget.BadoeMcQuick@haringey.gov.uk JW to find out costs of hiring the pavilion.
- Some members of committee visited the pavilion building before the meeting. Comments were made that the club room is a great facility but the changing rooms and toilets are very unclean and if the school are using them, should make sure they are cleaned.
- Tai Chi abandoned at present. JW will make enquiries to see if this can continue now weather is improving.
- Markfield Park Visitors Questionnaire has now been sent to around 4000 households near the park and it is also available on line through the FOMP website www.markfieldpark.org.uk and Haringey website.
- The National Childbirth Trust is looking to hold a nearly new sale in the pavilion sometime after Easter.
- The interactive Play builder wall next to the Markfield Project adventure playground will be completed by hopefully 14th April 2011.
- Football coaching arranged by café has not been very successful. Suggested flyers should be sent to schools in area.
- FC: Announced the chairman of the MBeam Engine Museum trustees, Richard Jacobs has died. Had been involved with the museum since 1969 and it would be nice to commemorate him in some way such as a plaque on an existing bench or in the museum.

12 Most action points checked where possible.

13 Next meeting 7pm Monday April 11th. at the pavilion.