

Friends of Markfield Park (FOMP)

Agenda and Minutes Monday 11 April 7pm - 8.30pm at the Pavilion, Markfield Park

Agenda

- 1) Agree on last minutes
- 2) PC Tom Smyth – update
- 3) Tim Pyall - Parks Neighbourhood Manager (East) - update
- 4) Update from FOMP secretary (Safer Parks Award & AOB) and treasurer (Current issues, finance and funding applications)
- 5) Markfield Project – update
- 6) MBeam Engine trustees – update and 14 May event plans
- 7) Community Outreach officer – update
- 8) Café – update of activities and event on 22 April
- 9) AOB
- 10) Check action points from last minutes
- 11) Date of next Meeting

Minutes

Introductions and apologies

Present

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

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

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

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

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

Deborah Cawkwell (FOMP Webmaster & Vartry Communities Residents' Association) DC

Uma Nathan (Markfield Project) UN

Aysin Djemil (Pistachios Cafés) AD

Karen Nicholls (Pistachios Cafés) KN

Remie Djemil (Interim Pistashio's Café Manager) RD

Apologies

Corinne Roberts (Friends of Markfield Park) CR

Tim Pyall (Haringey Parks) TP

PS Tom Smyth (Safer Neighbourhood Team)

1. Agree on last minutes

Minutes agreed as a true record.

2. PC Tom Smyth – update

Couldn't attend the meeting.

3. Tim Pyall - Parks Neighbourhood Manager (East) - update

Couldn't attend the meeting.

4. Update from FOMP secretary (Safer Parks Award & AOB) and treasurer (Current issues, finance and funding applications)

NF reported that Markfield Park had won a Bronze in the Safer Parks Awards. JW would contact Haringey Publicity Team. The people attending would take a camera. Photos could go on the website and also back to the Publicity Team.

The Treasurer (NF) reported that there was £90 remaining in the kitty, but that some web hosting costs were yet to be paid to DC. DC was to provide receipts to the Treasurer.

There was a discussion about insurance for community events and with the BTCV. For community events such as the forthcoming History and Fun Day, KB was to check with the Beam Engine and Museum Trustees regarding the feasibility of including FOMP events in their insurance. NF asked whether it would be possible for FOMP to make their own case to the Trustees. For insurance with the BTCV, NF was to check costs.

AD said he was across the requirements for the café. AD confirmed that the Petwise Zoo had been booked, that it would be "Pay & View" with proceeds to FOMP.

JW said there was a restriction by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) on paid events as part of the funding requirements. Costs for the bouncy castle on 14 May were discussed.

Regarding face painters for the 14 May event, JW said that Haringey Council required the providers to be registered.

5. Markfield Project – update

UN reported that there had been funding for a staff member and a young person. There was 2-months confirmed funding until the end of May. Adventure Playground – 3 years. Under 5's still runs Wednesday/Thursday (roughly during term-time dates). 30/40 families can be supported. NF stated (as a parent and user) that the play sessions were very well organised.

On 26 June, 200 volunteers from Orange Rock Corps (see website for photos of their cleanup on 9 September 2010) would be doing work in the Community Garden such as painting and cleaning. They would be organised by Team Leaders in sessions from 10-2 and 3-7.

KB expressed concern that the Orange Rock Corps volunteer work would coincide with a Steaming Day, when the Traction Engine would be present. Importantly, this Steaming Day would be attended by the relatives of Richard Jacobs, who had been a significant contributor in the work of the Beam Engine and Museum; the date had been selected to be as close as possible to his birthday.

The use of the school car park was discussed. JW to follow up with MH.

It was reported that the interactive fence had been finished.

6. MBeam Engine trustees – update and 14 May event plans

KB reported that the Beam Engine had organized with stall-holders to set up between 9.30 and 10.30 as well as arranging with the school to use the car park. The stalls would be arranged around the Café with a couple of gazebos.

There was a possibility of a brass band, army re-enactment, Morris Dancers.

Under the 'Museums at Night' nationwide event, the Beam Engine would be steaming from 7 - 10.30pm.

There were additional Steaming dates, so the list for 2011 was now:

- Monday 25 April (Easter)
- Monday 2 May (Spring Bank Holiday)
- Saturday 14 May day & evening steaming (Museums at Night)
- Monday 30 May (Spring Bank Holiday)
- Sunday 26 June
- Sunday 24 July
- Monday 29 August (Bank Holiday)
- Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September (Open House weekend)

Regarding the Memorial Steaming Day on 26 June (for Richard Jacobs), it was hoped to plant a tree in the rose garden area. NF supplied contact information for the parks' tree person.

The Beam Engine and Museum continued to run without entry charge, though donations were welcomed. KB reported that they were currently solvent until the end of the next financial year. There was a discussion of items that could be sold such as badges, key-rings and magnets, although KB pointed out that to sell these items, their production had to be financed. KB reported that the main funding focus was on fuel for the steaming of the engine.

It had been agreed with Bruce Castle Museum that for 5 days the Beam Engine and Museum would be open to junior schools, though space with the building was a problem, so that a 30-pupil group had to be split. Previously, JW had taken the half not in the Museum outdoors for gardening and tennis. In the case of rain, AD suggested using the Café and the Pavilion was also suggested (JW to check). JW said an additional problem was the costs associated with tennis and gardening (BTCV costs). KB said that there were enough Beam Engine volunteers, but often they were unavailable during the day due to work commitments. He also reported that the pupils loved the boiler-suits.

7. Community Outreach officer – update

JW had done a lot of work for the History and Fun Day (14 May), which would be a collaboration between the Beam Engine and Museum, Pistachios Café, FOMP and Haringey Council.

There would be a choir (different to the one used at Christmas), Bat Walk for 1 hour at 9.15pm, a Moroccan theme at the Café with hot buffet for £5 per person BYO as there was no alcohol license. There was to have been a stall from 'Love the Lea', who reportedly have 8,000 volunteers for the River Lea, which is also reportedly "the most polluted river in the country". Crowland School, who had a new, very proactive Deputy Head would have a stall celebrating 100 years. There would also be an NCT stall, in addition to a bouncy castle and slide. The Markfield Project adventure playground would be open.

KB, JW and the Café would liaise about locations of stalls, etc, as well as insurance.

Re photos of the day, AD was to contact 1) Chas and 2) James.

AD suggested that there be a sign-up for FOMP at the History and Fun Day. RD was to send the Café mailing list to JW.

Friends of the Earth had reported that there was no bin for the graffiti artists paint cans, which JW was to follow up with TP.

8. Café – update of activities and event on 22 April

RD reported on the Café Good Friday event, where there would be a stage/PA system for local band performance, school kids local mike, as well as an egg hunt. Unfortunately, the plan for biking/sk8ing coincided with other events.

AD reported the appointment of new Café Managers, a husband and wife team with a new baby (important given the Mum and baby customers). Lottie had been appointed with a PR role. Pistachios would be co-ordinating a bike ride (as they had in the past); this time funding would go to the Japan earthquake appeal.

9. AOB

PT raised 2 issues: cars driving through the park and litter.

Cars had been driving through the park at too high a speed using it as a cut-through mainly via Crowland Road to the gate by the Café. In addition, visitors had been parking on the grass. The road in the park is intended for emergency vehicles only and the gate should be locked. PT pointed out that with children playing, this was a very dangerous situation with accidents just waiting to happen. JW was to report back on this and the ranger situation.

There was a major rubbish issue. The Friends of the Earth had collected 8 sacks of rubbish at the beginning of April with more litter remaining. Apparently, there had been a 'flash' party in the Ampitheatre, where lots of rubbish had been left. In addition, a children's party had been held in the park and again rubbish had just been left. The bins were overflowing. However, it was strongly felt that there was no excuse for this behaviour and that if people brought food, etc, to the park, they should take their rubbish away with them if bins were unavailable. NF was to email TP.

10. Date of next Meeting

Monday 9 May.

NB: ALL ACTION POINTS UNDERLINED