

Friends of Markfield Park (FOMP)

Agenda and Minutes Monday 9 May 7pm - 8.30pm at the Pavilion, Markfield Park

Agenda

- 1) Agree on last minutes
- 2) Gladesmore school update
- 3) Café update and meet new managers
- 4) Tim Pyall - Parks Neighbourhood Manager (East) - update
- 5) Update from FOMP Secretary and Treasurer
- 6) Update from Markfield Project (additional item)
- 7) Update from Bowls Club (additional item)
- 8) Update from Beam Engine and Museum (additional item)
- 9) History and Fun Day Event on 14 May - final plans and exhibitors list (see attached document)
- 10) AOB – plus briefly discuss events on 26 June and 24 July
- 11) Check action points from last minutes
- 12) Date of next Meeting

Minutes

Introductions and apologies

Present

Abed and Sonia Rabbaa, Managers, Pistachios Café A&SR

Kate Bell (Markfield Project) KB

Ken Brereton (Friends of Markfield Committee Member and Beam Engine and Museum Trustee) KB

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

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Valerie E Goldstein (Bowls Club), VG

Maggie Hulson (Gladesmore School) MH

Robbo (Bowls Club) Ro

Corinne Roberts (Friends of Markfield Park) CR

Ray Swain (Beam Engine and Museum) RS

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

Apologies

Fred Clark (Friends of Markfield Committee Member and Beam Engine and Museum Trustee) FC

Aysin Djemil (Pistachios Cafés) AD

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

Uma Nathan (Markfield Project) UN

Tim Pyall (Haringey Parks) TP

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

1. Agree on last minutes

Minutes agreed as a true record.

2. Gladesmore school update

MH was to help staff FOMP stall. JW had organised use of school car park with MH.

3. Café update and meet new managers

Abed and Sonia were introduced as the new Managers Pistachios Café in Markfield Park.

There would be extra staff at the Café for the event on Saturday 14 May (History and Fun Day).

DC to liaise with A&SR re Café activities to update the FOMP website.

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

TP on annual leave, so unable to attend meeting.

There was continued concern regarding traffic in the Park. This had been raised by PT on the meeting of 11 April ("an accident waiting to happen") and KB said parents of children using the Markfield Project had also expressed their anxiety.

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Some vehicles were using the Park as a cut-through. Speeds were unacceptable as was parking on the grass.

In addition, an ambulance was unable to access the school when called for an emergency. Apparently, the ambulance had not been issued with a key and apparently, it was not policy to do so.

There was a discussion about the best approach to preventing unauthorized vehicles to access the Park including, keypad (cost about £2k, but could be destroyed with glue), sleeping policeman, continued key access (but not all appropriate parties including ambulances had a key), signage (but some felt that signage would not solve the problem and that unauthorized vehicles should be physically blocked).

JW was asked to call an extraordinary meeting by FOMP members to discuss vehicle access to the Park. It was agreed that useful attendees would be Haringey Parks (TP), Bowls Club, Haringey Council Markfield Park Community Officer (JW), Gladesmore School, Markfield Project, Jewish Community (MG), Beam Engine and Museum, PT (local resident who is very concerned about this issue).

It was noted that the Park could not be totally closed at night, as access by foot was required for the Ferry Lane Estate.

5. Update from FOMP secretary and treasurer

CR reported that a FOMP group (DC, CR, PT, JW) would attend the Mayor's Safer Parks Ceremony to collect the Bronze Award won by Markfield Park. There would be 5 plaques, one for each entrance.

The bank account had been set up. There had been fraudulent cheques, but the issue had been resolved with the bank.

6. Update from Markfield Project (additional item)

KB attended the meeting representing UN.

Markfield Project (UN) had earlier that day met with AD and the Markfield Project to discuss co-ordination of activities, so that there would be no future clashes, eg, the Café's Rucksack Music and the Project's Parent/Carer playgroup drop-in.

KB reported that the Under 5's group was still running on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Saturdays, there was a Family Club as well as the Adventure Playground.

7. Update from Bowls Club (additional item)

Ro and VG attended from the Bowls Club.

There has been no bowling at the Club for 3 years due to the state of the bowling green. The problem is that the boards encompassing the green have been damaged

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by mowing, so that the soil erodes away. The Club had been informed that there may be enough funding for new boards (the stakes are still in place). The Club felt that decking-type boards would be the most robust. It was hoped that TP could organise and fund the replacement of the boards in order that the bowling green could once more be operational and fit for purpose.

Once the green was restored, it would be useful to publicize the Bowling Club. The Club said they would consider a stall on the Memorial Steaming Day on 26 June. It was suggested that publicity could be sought via Haringey People, etc. DC could put their flyer on the FOMP website if it could be emailed to DC by the Club. The Club reported that 2 other local bowls clubs had closed down (Bruce Castle and Springfield Park). Ideally, once back up and running, the Bowls Club would be able to offer teaching on Saturdays as previously.

Transport to the Club was a problem, especially as a bowling kit is quite heavy.

8. Update from Beam Engine and Museum (additional item)

The Museum had attended a meeting including author Jim Lewis regarding promoting the industrial heritage of the Lea Valley particularly with a view to the upcoming Olympic Games in 2012. The aim was to add the Lea Valley to the European Industrial Heritage Trail (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Route_of_Industrial_Heritage), which would be publicized via a guide-type publication.

9. History and Fun Day Event on 14 May - final plans and exhibitors list (see attached document)

JW had produced a contact list (see attached). JW would arrive at Markfield Park for the event at around 11am. KB would be there earlier still.

The Gladesmore School car park would be available for the event. John Kelly (Park Gardener) would steward.

The Adventure Playground at the Markfield Project would be open for the event.

Regarding location plans, KB reported that the Museum would have a large, white marquee on the grass with smaller marquees around the Rose Garden. There would be lots of information with photos on the history of Tottenham, particularly its industrial and commercial past. Some of this material had been supplied by Bruce Castle Museum from past exhibitions. The Engine would steam from 2-4pm and then 7-10pm as part of the pan-European Museums at Night promotion.

JW hopes the Tottenham Singers will get back to her with confirmation of performing in the museum around 8.30pm.

The bouncy castle and slide would have their own staff and generator(s). It was agreed to charge £1 for 5 slides and £1 for 10 minutes on the bouncy castle. JW would produce a laminated sign with the prices. JW would collect the money from

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the organisers. RS suggested that children could exchange a bag of collected litter for a session. JW would co-ordinate resources, gloves, litter pickers (Markfield Project and the Museum both have some).

Also regarding litter, Friends of the Earth had been asked if they could do a litter pick before the Saturday 14 May event as they had done at the beginning of April, when they had collected 8 sacks of rubbish, which they had then recycled.

John Kelly would steward in the car park as well as set up and set down, plus organise litter picking throughout the afternoon.

Face Painting would cost £1.

RS suggested that there should be signage that proceeds were to benefit FOMP for the Park and further events.

JW reported that other stalls would include: the National Childbirth Trust (NCT), Baby Sensory (massage and exercise for tiny babies), Crowland Road PTA, childrens' arts and crafts. For the latter, the Museum could supply coloured paper, small and safe scissors, glue, glitter, which had been left over from a previous project. Additionally, there would be a willow weaving workshop by the Community Nature Garden.

At 6/6.30pm, there would be a Moroccan buffet @ £5 per head. As there was no alcohol license, it would be BYO. There was a possibility of some acoustic music to accompany the food.

At 9.15pm, there would be a Bat Walk, organised by Lee Valley Bats.

Publicity posters were delayed because of faulty enlarging copier at JW office so RS offered to see if Bruce Castle can assist and then he can hang them up around park. There are two very large banners already up and local media advertising including a piece in the Haringey Independent free paper about the History and Fun Day event as well as the appointment of the new Managers for Pistachios Café.

10. AOB – plus briefly discuss events on 26 June and 24 July

JW reported that there was an incentive deal for booking the Pavilion which is organized via Haringey Council. This could be 3-months free, then £10.90 per hour.

It was hoped that there would be additional events at the Pavilion such as Zumba and Yoga. It was felt that the Pavilion was best suited for more adult events, given the dedicated child-friendly and child-focussed resources at the Markfield Project.

11. Check action points from last minutes

12. Date of next Meeting

Monday 6 June

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13. Action Point Summary (from this Meeting)

NB: ALL ACTION POINTS UNDERLINED WITHIN THE BODY OF THESE MINUTES.

MH: Help to staff FOMP stall.

JW: Asked to call an extraordinary meeting by FOMP members to discuss vehicle access to the Park.

DC: Liaise with A&SR re Café activities to update the FOMP website.

TP: Liaise with Bowls Club regarding new boards to make the bowling green operational and fit for purpose.

DC: Bowls Club flyer to the FOMP website if it could be emailed to DC by the Club.

JW: Produce a laminated sign with bouncy castle and slide prices.

JW: Collect the money from the bouncy castle and slide.

JW: Co-ordinate resources, eg, gloves, litters pickers for children's litter collection.

RS: See if Bruce Castle can assist with poster-printing and to hang them up around park.