

Friends of Markfield Park Minutes June 6th 7pm Pavilion, Bowls Club

Present:

Janis Wales
Nadine Fraser
Corinne Roberts
Fred Clark
Abed Rabbaa
Sonia Jeliaskova

Apologies:

Deborah Cawkwell
Maggie Hulson
Tom Smyth

Agenda:

1. Agree on last minutes
2. Café update
3. Update from FOMP secretary and treasurer
4. June 26th event. Plans and exhibitors list
5. AOB
6. Check action points from last minutes
7. Date of next Meeting

1 Last minutes agreed

2 Last Bank Holiday Monday, a large group of Portuguese people set up camp in the park picnic area with a bouncy castle with petrol generator (illegal and unsafe), BBQ, cashier till, PA system and presented a £21 licence with correct date on. Café managers rang council five times and was told someone would call back. No response. Police arrived and checked paperwork and could not intervene as it looked legitimate. They were selling food to the public and this directly affected the café. Action point: Janis to explore what happened.

26th June event has plans for charity bike ride from Victoria park, bouncy castle, petting zoo and under 12 funfair. There could be a problem as bookings office has yet to confirm this event application from Pistachios as it was late being sent in. Café reports that they were told it had been sent

in. There needs to be six weeks notice for a small events licence and the café management have had all the relevant paperwork sent to them in plenty of time.

The café are planning to get a theatre dance company down to park soon.

When Markfield Project playground is open, the café have offered a free drink if a donation of £3 is made to the project for using the playground.

3 Nothing to report from secretary.

Treasurer - There has been a fraudulent activity on the FOMP bank account and all cheques have been cancelled. Discussion on obtaining public liability insurance perhaps for a day at a time. Explored bouncy castle hire for the 26th June event but café reported they thought that Pistachio's management had said they were getting one. Committee took the decision to not go ahead with hiring one on the day because of lack of funds and promise of one from Pistachios.

4 June 26th event discussed in item 2. MBeam Engine trustees planning to plant a tree in memory of Richard Jacobs but concerned there are too many weeds in the rose garden to do a public planting and don't have the tree yet. May be postponed until later event.

5 Discussed the lack of interest in joining the FOMP, supporting the Friends community events and how it will fall apart when Janis leaves. The Treasure & Secretary now do not have time to do what they have been doing. Action point: Look into getting boards to display advertising posters for attracting new FOMP committee and active members for the 26th June and 24th July events. Also it should highlight the risks to the park from the result of non-involvement of the community.

6 Agreed last minutes underlined points have been actioned.

7 Next meeting Wednesday 6th July 7pm at Markfield Park pavilion.