

# Friends of Markfield Park (FOMP)

## Minutes 6 July 7pm Pavilion, Bowls Club

Present:

Apologies:

<p>Janis Wales (Park outreach officer – Haringey Council) Deborah Cawkwell (FOMP webmaster) Nadine Fraser (FOMP – treasurer) Aysin Djeml (Pistachio’s owner) Fred Clark (Trustee MBeam Museum) Abed Rabbaa (Pistachio’s manager) Sonia Jeliaskova (Pistachio’s manager) Jack Gardner (Sculptor &amp; guest of the FOMP) Sarah Miller (Director, Markfield Project &amp; governor Gladesmore School) Nigel Young (Euroart Director) Lorraine Clarke (Euroart Director) Sylvia Tacias (Crowland Rd governor &amp; FOMP) Pam Kipling (FOMP)</p>	<p>Maggie Hulson (Gladesmore School Rep) Tim Pyall (East Area Parks Manager) Ken Brereton (Trustee MBeam Museum) Corinne Roberts (FOMP - secretary) Melissa from Herbal Barge Tony Hodge (FOMP)</p>
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1. Agree on last minutes
2. Area park manager’s report
3. Jack Gardner - Picasso’s Bull sculpture possibility for the park
4. July 24<sup>th</sup> event FOMP fund raising event? Any ideas
5. July 24<sup>th</sup> Plans and exhibitors: Euro groundlings (Nigel Young), Herbal Barge guided plant walk in the park (Melissa), café activities
6. Steam Engine Museum update
7. AOB

8. Check action points from last minutes
9. Date of next Meeting

1 Last minutes agreed

- 2 JW reported that a number 11 padlock has now been soldered to the Crowland Road gates. So far so good but will be monitored to check they are still being locked. The committee suggested a bollard outside the museum & project to stop people driving through the park, as well as a sign to stop people driving into the park. A number of parents cited examples of cars driving too fast past their children. Could the 5 mph sign be encouraging cars to drive in the park if the gates are open?
- 3 Jack Gardner has donated his sculpture 'Picasso's Bull' to Markfield and discussion are being undertaken as to the logistics of transport and installing the sculpture. Hopefully it can be unveiled on the Euroart community day on 24<sup>th</sup> July with the Mayor & press. He also has another stove enamelled sculpture that would be ideal in the rose garden but that would incur too much expense for the friends at the moment but possibly at a later date. The FOMP voiced their thanks to Jack. Action point: JW to liaise with Jack and volunteers to dig foundation holes and also to organise mayor or dignitary to unveil on day of event if possible.
- 4 To raise funds for the FOMP on the 24<sup>th</sup> July, a raffle was suggested but other ideas that have come since by email, DC has suggested a white elephant stall plus second hand books. Action point: JW to put a notice in café and park asking for contributions from park users.
- 5 Euroart (Euro Groundlings) day on 24<sup>th</sup> July were discussed including whether or not the FOMP (to raise funds) or café would organise a bouncy castle. It was agreed the café would hopefully provide one and it will stay advertised on the poster. The draft poster was passed around and agreed. Action point: JW to produce A3 laminated posters for park and A5 for flyer handouts. Also, FOMP mailing list, council press office and website.
- 6 Ken Brereton (MBeam Engine Museum) is concerned that the steaming days loses money if run on same day as other community events and would like them to be run separately next year. The friends wondered if they could charge an entrance fee when the engine is steaming as it would be a pity to run on different days.
- 7 AOB: The ongoing problem with litter was brought up and that the park is cleaned up just before the children from Gladesmore finish school and come into the park and drop more litter. Action point: A letter by NF to the school's

chair of governors was decided. Enforcement notices for litter dropping should also be displayed as in other parks.

A fashion designer, from Ferry Lane estate has requested permission to take photographs by the Museum and that was agreed.

4,253 visits on website in the last year and 9,756 pages have been viewed.

One committee member suggested events are more spread out to attract more visitors.

- 8 Procedures tightened up between council's event's bookings and license dept so organisations do not try to use a £21 license as evidence of booking an event when they do not have official permission and filled out appropriate forms.

Publicity boards for FOMP were produced and used at the last community event.

- 9 No meeting in August. Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 7pm pavilion club room.