

# FRIENDS OF MARKFIELD PARK

**FOMP Meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
6.00pm- 7.00pm at the Markfield Cafe**

**Present:** Ken Brereton, (Chair and M Beam Museum trustee), Dr Fred Clark (M Beam Museum trustee and FOMP), Maggie Hulson (Gladesmore Community School teacher & local resident), Nadine Fraser (local resident), Sarah Miller (Markfield Project Manager), , Sylvia Hurtado (local resident and Markfield Project rep), Abed (Markfield Café), Martin Hall (Open Spaces Programme Officer) Haringey Council

**Distribution list:**, Simon Farrow (Parks and Leisure Manager), Frank Hunt (East Area Park Manager), Steve Hall (Parks Neighbourhood Area Officer), (TCV), Tim Pyall (Green Spaces Manager), Cliff Osborne [c.osborne@btcv.org.uk], (GRAG),

**Apologies** - PC Alan Square, Steve Hall (Parks Operations), Pauline Syddell (Met Police), Deborah Cawkwell (FOMP Webmaster),

## **Agree minutes**

Last minutes of October 2014 - accepted

## **Future Events / Fundraiser Ideas**

None

## **Reports/ Updates**

**Bowls Club** – no one seen on site since Spring 2014. See below for further Council enquiry into Bowls Club

**Football** – club use consistent with good use - weather permitting

**Markfield Project** – continuing issues around locking the Markfield Gate. Recently 2 vehicles were still in the park after 7pm in the dark leaving staff the task of locating the owners (one dog walker) in the park in the dark. One car was subsequently locked inside the park. New signage is requested for the Markfield gates and for the car park staiting:

**The Markfield Road Gate  
is locked shut  
Monday to Friday 7pm  
Saturday and Sunday 6pm**

Also a request (agreed with all Friends members present) that the Markfield gates be professionally restored as this entrance is described as scruffy. Part of the restoration should include the words signed: Markfield Park. A suggestion that children from Earlsmead Primary School be approached to design the sign.

**TCV** - No report. The contact at TCV is Cliff Robertson based at Railway Fields N4. Tel. 0208 348 6005

#### **Markfield Café**

- replacement damaged lamppost is being followed up by Haringey Lighting engineer
- Increase in Summer activities planned
- Proposal for new Pergola discussed with SF to provide cafe shade
- Progress on mound removal in front of cafe requested. Museum asked to see feasibility report as also keen to open views towards Museum.

**Police** – No report. MH to seek crime report for October to January. Particular concern raised that a serious incident in the park involving 4 local boys, alcohol and their abuse of park users, which led to a revenge stabbing of one of them, and not reported back to the Friends Group and that a meeting between park stakeholders and Community leaders held recently did not include Friends representation.

**Museum** – progressing ideas for a project to upgrade the museum foyer and displays making them more attractive and interactive. Also seeking to produce an educational pack to promote more school visits. Directional information signage to the museum is limited. Trustees to write to Cllr Kober to see if further signage can be put in place.

**Gladesmore School** – School has met Head of Direct Services Andy Briggs to tease out / resolve the situation with the absent bowls club. School is interested in further use of the pavilion and the potential redevelopment of the bowls green should this become available.

Officers are seeking to contact the Bowls Club officials to ascertain their future intentions regarding bowls at Markfield. The Bowls Club lease is being checked to determine / clarify the legal status / rights of the absent leaseholders.

**Other** - none

**AOB** – Museum raised concerns that the female public toilet managed by the cafe is reportedly not kept clean / not suitably equipped for female use. MH checked male and female toilets. Both toilets were in a clean condition and in good decorative order. Abed (cafe owner) informed the group that the toilets were steam cleaned weekly and cleaned at regular intervals daily according to use.

It was noted that the ceiling of the female toilet was covered in drying toilet paper screwed up into balls wetted and thrown, sticking to the ceiling.

The stainless steel female WC does not appear appropriate and this should be upgraded. There is also no sani- bin provision.

## **Matters outstanding**

FoMP Constitution – needs some updating Ken to send copies for consideration  
– **Ken distributed copies for comment**

MUGA lighting – only 40% working, MH informed group this was on a borough wide of things to do when funding available.

CTV - owed one waste bin for Herbal Garden.

Pavilion – social area floor still lifting. Needs to be sealed and replaced with ceramic tiles to simila to prevent damp rising

Water Feature – an idea was presented by local resident and Haringey Cycling Campaign member Graham Freer with support for the Markfield Park Cafe Owner (Abed).

The proposition is to fund raise to create a new water feature (ornamental or designed for children’s play) to be sited within one of the underutilised former sewage works settlement bays (see sketch appended).

The feature would boast a row(s) of water jets mounted flush with a suitable surface, with or without changing colours, for either ornamental use of upgrade with filtration for children’s play.

Skatepark (Steve Barrow) has aspirations to improve their site, but work to date halted pending resolving engineering issues, resources. Parks Service seeking ways to assist

**Next meeting** – **Thursday 14th May 2015** at the Markfield Cafe (Abed to confirm) - 6.00 – 7.00pm