

Friends of Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields

Notes of meeting held on 15th September 2024 at the Earl Beatty

Present

Martin
Bernie
Jonna
John

Actions from previous meeting:

i) Safeguarding

DBS still outstanding for John, Bernie, Jonna
Possibly Kate
DBS certificates don't have expiry dates but are usually renewed every 3 years

ACTION

Martin please complete

ii) Blossom House

Jonna has made contact with Lucinda Leavers ("Cinders")
and we have agreed that Jonna can agree with her the use of
space in the crazy golf area for gardening

ACTION

Jonna reach agreement with Blossom House
Martin to inform Andrew Kaufman

post meeting thoughts-
maybe there should be a simple written agreement making clear its a licence
that can be withdrawn at any time

iii) Fulham Football Club

No response has been received

ACTION

Martin please follow up

iv) Posters

ACTION

Martin to design some new poster templates
Bernie to print,laminate and display

New actions:

v) Distance Markers

Dundonald Recreation Ground has distance markers

We have requested that Merton Council provide them for us but failing that we could do it ourselves

ACTION

Martin to inform Andrew Kaufman of our intention and give him an opportunity to comment or object

vi) Website and social media

We need to have a presence on the internet and on social media

Martin offered to work on the website

We agreed that this would be an ideal role for a young person

ACTION

John to contact all those who have worked at the Hut to see if any are interested and have the necessary skills

vii) We discussed our plans for the next year

We would like to achieve the following:

a) replace the Hut with a larger and more fit for purpose structure

To include proper water/waste water facilities

b) to make a start on the boardwalk project - particularly the design and the route

c) to organise a couple of events - even if very modest in scope

The dog show still a possibility

An event connected with the Motspur Park station centenary

(a picnic-in-the-park was suggested)

Events in conjunction with the Scouts

ACTIONS

Martin to inform Andrew Kaufman of our intentions and to see if the Council would fund some of the Hut replacement eg the water supply

John to find out what bookings exist for the playing fields for next year and what dates would be free for events

Martin to engage with Scouts

viii) The Hut 2024

We have made a profit on the Hut this year despite poor weather (except for a few exceptionally hot days with very good sales) and more recently the fact that the paddling pool has not been in use

We have made contact with a number of children (and Jeremy) who have all done a good job and we should be able to call on most of them again next year

Next meeting

We didn't agree the next meeting

Unless anyone objects lets meet and litter pick on Sunday 13th October at 1030 at the Earl Beatty with the litter pick at 1200