



Arnos Park Action Group

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APAG MEETING minutes: 10th November 2011

Present:	Emma Channon (EC) - Chair, Fiona Crabtree (FC), Carol Daly (CD), Victoria Eld (VE), Lissi Figg (LF), Jackie Freeman (JF), Lisa Hopes (LH), John Knowlson (JK) – BCC, Peter Main (PM), Julliette Randal (JR) – Arnos Vale Cemetery Trust, Joules Taylor (JTa) - minutes
Apologies:	Tracy Ghali (TG), Barry MCleod (BM), Howard Millbank (HM), Jackie Norman (JN), Julian Thomas (JT)
Next Meeting:	AGM January – to be confirmed. Venue: TBA

REPORTS

	Action
Welcome, introduction and apologies.	
<u>Matters Arising</u>	
Park Wall: an elderly resident clearly remembers the wall being old in the 1920s: it is obviously of historical value. It was decided to invite Carol Daly to the next meeting to discuss the best way forward for the wall's preservation. Not yet tackled.	
The idea of having a public comments section on the website was mooted. Not yet tackled - JTa to investigate and implement if possible.	JTa
Benches: we plan to have a few more installed. EC to deal.	EC
Poster has now been created and laminated: CD to add to noticeboard.	CD
BCAP Geophys (mini Time Team without the digging) has been OKed by the council and will be organised for next spring. It was thought that this could be made into a full event, with info about local archaeology and history, possibly a barbeque, children's treasure hunt, etc (JF to investigate children's 'fossil hunting'). It may also be an appropriate time to hand out reports about what the group has done over the last year and a survey asking what park users would like to see in the next.	JF
Information board: no action yet. JTa to deal	JTa
JTa has set up an account with Happy City (http://www.happycity.org.uk/) and will be adding APAG info asap. It was thought that it may be possible to incorporate this with a leaflet to go into the Park noticeboard with info about what APAG has done over the last few years. Not yet done.	JTa
<u>Chairperson's Update</u>	
After MR's resignation, chairperson cannot be elected until the AGM, due Jan. In the meantime, chairperson of meetings will rotate as necessary.	

<p><u>Treasurers Report (MR)</u></p> <p>No change.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p><u>Secretary's Update</u></p> <p>JTa to organise APAG's addition to the This Is Bristol site.</p> <p>It was noted that Bristol CC Press Office may be able to help publicise events, as might the free Observer newspaper. Still to do.</p>	<p>JTa</p> <p>JTa</p> <p>JTa</p>
<p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>Teen Pod: Teenpod will not be installed. However, since the device has been bought, it was agreed to see if St Anne's Park group would take it on and pay a little towards the cost. Other ideas that proved popular were a skate park and a BMX track: the group will investigate these options.</p> <p>Communications Plan Jta to investigate using the Neighbourhood Partnership to try to gather together a comprehensive, ongoing list of useful contacts.</p> <p>Banner Now made and ready for any future events.</p> <p>Benches There are six more to be installed. Community Payback are happy to help: dates to be agreed and CD to help with positioning advice.</p> <p>Edible Planting JF to liaise with CD to determine appropriate areas for planting. [See also Events section]</p> <p>Toilets/Café Resolved to shelve for now. However, it was suggested that the group investigate having a mobile café on the site for a while to see if the idea would be popular. Not yet dealt with, but both Arno's Manor Hotel and Arno's Vale Cemetery have toilets (and the Cemetery has a café) and park users are welcome to use both. It was decided to contact the hotel manager for confirmation and invite him to join the group.</p>	<p>JK</p> <p>Jta</p> <p>EC/CD</p> <p>JF/CD</p>
<p><u>Events Suggestions for 2011-2012</u></p> <p>The Carols in the Park set for 17th December at 5 pm. LF to provide mulled wine.</p> <p>Queen's Jubilee in June: a street party has been agreed – details to be advised later.</p> <p>Mini-Olympics in the park: it may be possible to coordinate this with a sponsored run organised by Friends of Arnos Vale Cemetery. To be discussed next meeting.</p> <p>Dog Show. This is always an excellent fund raiser and popular, but takes months to organise</p>	<p>TG/LF</p>

<p>and run. It may be considered for next year with enough volunteers to help. Suggestions for funds raised would be a picnic area with benches and tables with edible plants as fencing around the site in the corner between King's Rd and Bath Rd.</p> <p>Music in the Park is also another very popular event and will also be considered.</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt 2012 – to be organised.</p> <p>More suggestions welcome: please email postmaster@arnospark.org.uk</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>The possibility of having new park signs was raised: FC and JR to investigate</p> <p>Greater Brislington Environment Group meeting 16th Nov: JTa and LF to attend.</p> <p>CD providing a variety of bulbs – native bluebells, daffodils and crocuses. JTa to take delivery and email group for planting volunteers. These need to be in the ground soon, and CD need to know where they have been planted so that the grass mowers can avoid those areas.</p> <p>CD to investigate improving the path from cemetery to park, and to check on instances of fly-tipping.</p> <p>It was decided to forge closer links with the Friends of Arno's Vale Cemetery for our mutual benefit. Thanks to Juliette for attending.</p> <p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>AGM January, possibly at St Christopher's Church. TBC.</p>	<p>FC/JR</p> <p>JTa/LF</p> <p>JTa</p> <p>CD</p> <p>JR/JTa</p>