

## **FoPP Committee Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, 18.30, by Zoom**

**Present:** Carol Cole (CC), Kerry Pickett (KP), Clive Shepherd (CS), Joe McNulty (JM), Rose Jones (RJ), Andy Jeavons (AJ), Beatrice Moreau-Gray (BMG)

**Apologies:** Dimitri Mehandziski (DM), Mike McGuinness (MM)

1) CC welcomed Beatrice Moreau-Gray and introduced her to the committee. CC proposed that BMG should join the committee and this was seconded by KP. The committee unanimously agreed.

### **Minutes of last meeting and action points**

#### **2) Litter and barbeques**

It was generally agreed that the posters have had a positive effect and that although some should be removed as they are looking a little tired, new ones with a variety of messages should be made as part of the anticipated new preventative campaign for Easter 2021. Further discussions related to the campaign will be discussed in the new year.

Action:

- CC to contact Garry Meyer with regard to a more inclusive anti-litter/anti-social behaviour in the Park

#### **3) Overnight dwellers in the park**

Following complaints that van dwellers were living in the park, CC was notified that these people had been given notice to move or face court proceedings. An under-tree encampment has also continued to exist for some months. Despite assurances that City Parks would be moving these illegal groups on, nothing has happened so far.

Action:

- CC to contact City Parks as to what is happening

#### **4) Anti-social behaviour in Preston Park**

It has been noted that there has been a sharp rise in anti-social behaviour within and around the park.

Action:

- CC to contact our newly appointed PCSO to discuss vandalism and anti-social behaviour in and around Preston Park

## **5) Clock tower**

Having been recently restored, the clock tower has again been vandalised with graffiti. KP suggested the possibility of a fence to deter vandals and prevent the doorway being used as a toilet.

Action:

- KP to contact Councillor Leo Littman regarding the possibility of a fence

## **6) Trees**

There has been no more news from City Parks about the gift of 50 disease resistant elm trees from The Netherlands, to be planted in Preston Park.

Action:

- CC to contact City Parks to find out if there is any progress on the elms project

## **7) St Peters Cricket Club Update**

In the absence of MM, CC explained that the SPCC has prepared a presentation that explains the redevelopment of the SPCC club house and future plans.

Action:

- A date for the FoPP Committee to view the presentation via Zoom tbc

## **8) Treasury update**

CS updated the Committee on the financial state of the FoPP which has remained in balance so far this year due to Covid-19.

Action:

- CC to contact SHJ regarding the funding for climbing roses on the Dahlia Walk

## **9) Photographic competition results**

The results will be announced in the next newsletter. The calendar is being assembled and will be printed in due course for sale. Calendars will be distributed to the park cafés and advertised on the website. BMG offered to sell calendars at the farmer's market on Saturdays.

Action:

- CS to source photographic books as prizes for the top three winners

## **10) AGM**

The date and time of this year's AGM by Zoom will be confirmed once CC has contacted the councillors as to whether they would like to attend. It is envisaged that the councillors will be on-hand to answer any questions from the public regarding issues related to the park.

Action:

- CC to contact the councillors
- CS to address the technical issues of setting up the AGM in a Zoom format. An email will be sent out regarding the Zoom address

### **11) AJ update**

AJ is to order new plants this week for the Dahlia Walk, Rockery and the front beds. The beds are currently awaiting mulching. It was suggested that post- Covid-19 a new volunteer gardening campaign should be initiated to increase volunteer numbers.

Action:

- AJ to speak to Alan Griffiths regarding the wildflower beds and new ornamental tree planting

### **AOB and next meeting**

**1) Trees** – AJ, KP and CC to meet with Andy Griffiths to discuss the possibility and placing of new trees.

**2) Cancellation of events due to Covid-19** – CC suggested an online Halloween fancy dress completion whereby photos can be sent in and the best costume awarded a prize.

Action:

- CC to advertise the competition in the next newsletter with a deadline of 6<sup>th</sup> November

**3) Ideas during Covid-19** – BMG suggested the committee should consider what we might do with consideration to Covid-19 and social distancing. CS suggested we should put new ideas onto Slack for further discussion.

The meeting ended at 19.30. The next meeting after the AGM will be held during December. Tbc via Slack.