

## Minutes

Date 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Time 7.30pm

Location Belhaven Church Hall, Belhaven Road, Dunbar

Attended by: Table: Gordon Millar, Esther Hughes,  
Floor: Margaret Laidlaw, Sonia Young, Glen Young, Mary Jamieson, Lillas Millar, Marion Book, C.M. Crichton, Peter Crichton, Judy Miller, Kirsty MacCrinnon, Fay Stanton, Alistair Mackie, Collin Ainslie, Peter McDonough, Cllr Norman Hampshire

Chair: Gordon Millar

Minutes Esther Hughes

**Subject: Annual General Meeting**

### 1 Chairperson's welcome and introductions

**Gordon Millar:** welcomed all attending the 2012 AGM of Friends of Winterfield (FoW).

### 2 Apologies

Jane McIntyre, Cllr Michael Veitch, Moira Coley, Terry Smith

### 3 Approval of the minutes of the last AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Minutes approved

### 4 Matters Arising

None

### 5 Chairman's Report

**Gordon Millar** reported that the group had been busy since its inauguration last year and had secured

funding for new picnic benches, bins and improvements to the main entrance. The funding came from successful applications to the East Lothian Council Environmental Community Fund and also the Civic Pride Fund, totaling over £8000. The group has been working closely with East Lothian Council and has introduced a wild flower meadow test area at the North West end of the park. This June FoW will hold a Fun Dog Show to promote responsible dog ownership and to consult with users of the park. Chairman's Report approved by Esther Hughes and Denise Wilson

## 6 .Treasurer's Report

**Denise Wilson** presented her report on Friends of Winterfield finances (see attached report) Treasure's Report approved by Esther Hughes and Marion Booth

## 7 Election of office bearers and management committee

### Discussion

**Gordon Millar:** Graham Metcalf has left Dunbar and is no longer available for Committee work and Alasdair Mackie is no longer available. I would like to thank them both for their time and support. We have two new people who have offered their time to work on the Friends of Winterfield Committee: Eden Blair and Jacquie Bell. Both would be ordinary committee members at present.

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded
Chairperson	Gordon Millar	Esther Hughes	Mary Jamieson
Treasurer	Denise Wilson	Gordon Millar	Lillias Millar
Secretary	Esther Hughes	Lillias Millar	Denise Wilson
Management Committee	Judy Miller	Lillias Millar	Mary Jamieson
Management Committee	Jane McIntyre	Lillias Millar	Mary Jamieson
Management Committee	Sue Anderson	Lillias Millar	Mary Jamieson
Management Committee	Eden Blair	Esther Hughes	Denise Wilson
Management Committee	Fay Stanton	Lillias Millar	Mary Jamieson
Management Committee	Jacqui Bell	Esther Hughes	Denise Wilson
Management Committee	Marion Booth	Lillias Millar	Mary Jamieson

### Conclusion

Office bearers and management committee members were elected.

## 8 AOCB

**Gordon Millar:** There are some areas of the park that concern us as a committee and some issues were left unresolved before the change in political administration of East Lothian Council. We are pleased to

welcome Cllr Norman Hampshire to our meeting to answer some of the questions we have in relation to the proposal to move the Dunbar Golf Club to the former site of the rugby club and the sharing of the facility with the Dunbar Tennis Club, also the ongoing situation of the derelict pavilion.

**Cllr Norman Hampshire:** Firstly I was not party to any previous decisions. The Golf Club clubhouse is not provisioned in this Council's budget and there are no plans to move the club to a new location. St Margaret's is common good land and therefore cannot be sold without significant difficulty and would only raise ~£400K. We also see potential conflict with residents and golfers. The building does need upgrading and ELC will meet with the club.

The Pavilion is also not decided on. I have spoken to Jacqui Burke and she is still in line to create a training facility in the Pavilion. I believe the towns' folk don't want to lose it. It can't remain as it is now. Jacquie Burke works in ELC in the schools teaching design to children. I'm not aware if Jacqui's full proposal stands up financially.

Hallhill took a lot of sporting activities away from Winterfield. Clubs have expanded since then and Hallhill is not coping with the demand. Some pitches have been re-established at Winterfield. There are no changing facilities and ELC will look to Sport Scotland for a grant to build them.

As for developing the park, he would personally like to see a swing park or something for children at the park. There are other funds available to help pay for things; Viridor for example might be able to help but FoW would need to find 10% of the project cost.

**Mary Jamieson:** Will there be a designated dog walking area?

**Gordon Millar:** There are no plans for one. One of the things we have done is buy more bins that could be used for poo bags as well as other rubbish. We've met with the Dog Warden and he does not see the parks as a problem area compared to others in the Borough.

**Peter Crighton:** Will the gate be opened for commercial vehicles? The new vehicle gate is too narrow to let the pigeon lorries in.

**Cllr Norman Hampshire:** Vehicles needing access to the park should come through the Council to request access.

**Gordon Millar** Thanked Cllr Norman Hampshire for speaking.

**Esther Hughes:** We're holding a fun dog show on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please tell your friends.

## **9 . Date of next meeting**

**Conclusion:** – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## **10 . End of Meeting**

**Gordon Millar** closed the meeting and thanked all that attended.

29<sup>th</sup> May 2012, 8.15pm EH

## Friends Of Winterfield – Treasurers Report 2011 – 2012

After the FoW group was set up in 2011 advice was provided by the local councillors and East Lothian council staff regarding monies which might be available for improving the environment in Winterfield Park.

Thanks to Esther Hughes, Secretary, for pursuing these leads which has resulted so far in a very worthwhile sum of money being donated.

**East Lothian Council Environmental Community Fund** - £2996.00 to be used for improvements to the park including a Picnic area, park benches and waste bins some of which are already in place.

**Dunbar Community Council** – (Promised but not yet received at time of writing) £500.00 for set up and stationary cost; Stamps, printing, paper etc.

**Civic Pride Fund** - (Promised but not yet received at time of writing) £5000.00; this is to be used for further upgrades to the park, including improvements to the East entrance gate (Public Park entrance) , planting of shrubs near this area, a vehicle barrier and more benching.

Committee Member Sue Anderson has arranged a Fun Dog Show for 18<sup>th</sup> June which we hope will encourage people to visit the park and raise more funds at the same time.

Denise C Wilson  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

### Treasurers Account, Friends of Winterfield. Royal bank of Scotland, Dunbar.

DATE	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
05/03/2012	2996.00	
29/03/2012	0.03	
<b>Balance 31/03/2012</b>		<b>2996.03</b>