



Friends of Winterfield

Minute of AGM

Date: 3rd May 2016

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Belhaven Church Hall, Belhaven Road, Dunbar

Chair: Gordon Millar

Minutes: Esther Hughes

Subject: Annual General Meeting

1 Chairperson's welcome and introductions

Gordon Millar: welcomed all attending the 2016 AGM of Friends of Winterfield (FoW) and introduced the Secretary.

2 Apologies:

Denise Wilson, Cllr Michael Veitch, Sue Anderson, Jane McIntyre, Mrs Catherine Page, Iain Jamison

3 Matters Arising

Esther Hughes: The options document for the Pavilion was published in early 2016 with a recommendation to East Lothian Council to demolish it. The decision was supported by Dunbar Community Council and Friends of Winterfield regretfully support the Council's recommendation based on the high costs quoted for repair or even making watertight. There is no long-term suitable use proposed for the structure and we're of the view that the structure is unsafe, given difficulties securing it from vandals. The Committee were initially led to understand that demolition would happen quickly but, as yet, we've no fixed demolition date and we're approaching the summer holiday period.

Esther Hughes: There's a possibility that the Park could be the beneficiary of a gifted artwork, associated with the new housing developments in Dunbar. Housing developers are required to provide public art work to the town they're building in and one has commissioned a 5m high statue of a bear by the artist Andy Scott. It was proposed to site it on the ASDA roundabout but this will not

be happening for safety reasons. Furthermore, we've heard that Dunbar CC will likely not support it being sited at ASDA/McDonalds. In view of the impending demolition of the Pavilion, we wondered whether Winterfield might be a suitable location; either on the site of the former Pavilion or on the Prom? The bear theme is because of Dunbar's link to John Muir.

A Friend from the floor: Will there be any consultation about this with the town? There seems to have been a lack of consultation on this.

Gordon Millar: There are no firm offers; it was just mooted as something that we could consider, rather than just constructing a few flower beds. I think we can be allowed to "think big" about the Pavilion Site if funding can be found. Consultation would have to take place.

Jacquie Bell: There are Viridor grants available, though the whole thing is being centralized, and others from outside of Dunbar can now ask for funds.

Esther Hughes: The Dunbar Cricket Club played at the park last year and are preparing for the coming season at the Public Park. The practice nets were erected last June and were heavily used last summer. The nets were removed and stored for the winter and are now back in use and training for this season. The club now has two strips: an Astroturf strip and a grass strip. Talking to some club members, they seem very satisfied with the move to the Public Park and it has benefitted Winterfield by increasing the numbers of people using the park on a regular basis.

4 Approval of the minutes of the last AGM held on 5th May 2015

Esther Hughes proposed the acceptance of the previous minutes. Gordon Millar seconded them.

5 Chairman's Report

Gordon Millar reported that the group had had a relatively quiet year:

- a) The stone bench, with some of the stone donated by Lafarge, and viewing area were popular last summer with people enjoying the sunshine. The remaining stone has yet to be incorporated into anything as nothing happened last winter. This may be because of the wait for the Pavilion recommendation.
- b) The fun putting area has been popular with families as have the wild flower beds.
- c) The Cricket Club has been establishing a presence in the park, which we welcome. Last year, practice nets were erected in June after funding by Viridor.
- d) A fun dog show was very successful during the 2015 Civic Week. I would like to thank the Committee members and helpers who organized and ran it. The show will be repeated this year on 21st June.
- e) Kite flying will return as part of the Civic Week.
- f) As Esther remarked, the Council has recommended demolition of the Pavilion and we are disappointed that it has come to this but support the decision.

- g) I'd like to thank our office bearers, Treasurer, Denise Wilson and Esther Hughes, our Secretary, and the members of the Committee for their work over the year.

Chairman's Report approved by Esther Hughes

6 **Treasurer's Report**

Gordon Millar (in Denise's absence) presented the Treasurer's report on Friends of Winterfield finances (see attached report).

The current balance stands at £4248.24 following the June 2015 dog show.

Treasurer's Report approved by Esther Hughes and Gordon Millar

7 **Election of office bearers and management committee**

Discussion

Gordon Millar: Thanked all the current Committee for their help in the past year. Denise Wilson agreed to remain Treasurer. Esther Hughes scaled back her Secretarial duties to concentrate on her Degree. Esther has asked for this state to remain, assuming no one wants to take the role of Secretary. Gordon asked if anyone was prepared to offer their time to help with this work?

No one was forthcoming from the floor.

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded
Chairperson	Gordon Millar	Esther Hughes	Jacquie Bell
Treasurer	Denise Wilson	Gordon Millar	Fay Stanton
Secretary	Esther Hughes	Lilias Millar	Mary Jamieson
Management Committee	Judy Miller	Esther Hughes	Mrs Laidlaw
Management Committee	Graham Bell	Esther Hughes	Yvonne Murray
Management Committee	Sue Anderson	Esther Hughes	Gordon Millar
Management Committee	Eden Blair	Esther Hughes	Gordon Millar
Management Committee	Fay Stanton	Jacquie Bell	Esther Hughes
Management Committee	Jacqui Bell	Esther Hughes	Mary Jamieson

Management Committee	Catherine Page	Gordon Millar	Esther Hughes
----------------------	----------------	---------------	---------------

Conclusion

Office bearers and management committee members were elected. The post of Secretary remains unfilled. Esther Hughes agreed to continue secretarial duties on a lighter basis: minutes and monitoring emails over the year, on the understanding that responses may no longer be prompt.

8 AOCB

Moir Lawson: Last year's wild flowers were stunning and I saw lots of people taking photos. I wondered whether it was possible to plant flower bulbs for spring?

Muriel Sinclair: Four benches along the East wall are in a bad state of repair and there are weeds growing through the slats which discourage anyone from sitting on them. Is it possible to ask ELC to provide new ones? Also, could we have some signage on the viewing mound? It would be nice to be shown what you're looking at.

Esther Hughes: Signage requires planning permission but it may be something we could look into once we've a proposal for the Pavilion site

9 Date of next meeting - To be arranged

10 End of Meeting

Gordon Millar closed the meeting and thanked all that attended.

3rd May 2016 8.30 pm EH

Attachment: 2015-16 Treasurer's

Friends Of Winterfield – Treasurers Report 2015 – 2016

At the end of the previous financial year Friends of Winterfield (FoW) were fortunate to have the considerable sum of £4162.96 left in our Bank Account.

Park users have continued to appreciate and comment on improvements made to Winterfield particularly the fitness equipment which has been used by a number of visitors and locals. The new cricket crease was created by the Council to enable Dunbar Cricket Club to have their training and matches in the park. This appears to have been a great success enjoyed by the Cricket Club and opponents regularly as well as bringing spectators in to use the park. The putting green is also used by families and as a practice area for some golfers.

The first of two proposed stone seating areas to the south of the sea wall is proving to be a popular rest point for walkers and others just enjoying the surroundings. The Council built the seat using stones recycled from East Barns Steading. More stones and associated bottoming and soil for the second bench is situated adjacent to the first awaiting construction. Once this is complete the area will be much improved. East Lothian Council have continued to maintain the flower beds which remain popular with and admired by visitors and locals alike. The Committee thanks them for their efforts.

Once again a Fun Dog Show was held during Civic Week and raised £157.10 on the day. Of this sum, £150 was deposited in the account with £7.10 going to top up the Petty cash. Insurance for the event increased from £35.50 in 2014 to £46.39 in 2015. Another Fun Dog show is planned for Civic Week 2016. Whilst mentioning dogs in the park, I would like to thank the majority of dog owners for remaining considerate and clearing up after their pets.

Thanks to all committee members who give their time and enthusiasm to help with the ongoing Improvements.

Denise C Wilson
April 19th, 2016.

Balance Sheet 2015 - 2016.

Expenditure

ITEM	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
Opening balance		4162.96
Dog show Insurance	46.39	
Flowers for secretary	20.00	
Dog show Float	50.00	
To Petty cash	7.10	4089.47

Income*

ITEM	Income	BALANCE
Opening balance		4126.96
Dog show	157.10	
Dog show Float refunded	50.00	
Interest	1.67	4285.73

Final Balance

ITEM	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Opening Balance			4162.96
	208.77	123.49	
Closing Balance			4248.24