

Minutes

Date 28th May 2013

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 2014 AGM of Friends of Winterfield (FoW).

2 Apologies:

Mary Jamieson, Denis Wilson, Peter Crighton, Mr and Mrs Laidlaw, Mr Ainslie, Alasdair Mackie, Joan Stirk

3 Approval of the minutes of the last AGM held on 29th May 2012

Minutes approved by Gordon Millar and Lillas Millar seconded them.

4 Matters Arising

None

5 Chairman's Report

Gordon Millar reported that the group had been busy in the past year and had secured protected status by the Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Trust which will protect the park from development and keep the land as a public park for future generations. Funding had also be secured towards an adult exercise area (£6500)

and East Lothian Council Civic Pride (£4500) for repairs to the main gateway and southern wall. The group has been working closely with East Lothian Council and has introduced a wild flower meadow has again been planted at the North West end of the park. Lafarge have kindly donated some stone from East Barns farm and we hope to use that in some landscaping project. 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: I would like to thank all the current Committee for their help in the past year. I have asked the current office bearers if they were happy to carry on for another year and Denise Wilson has agreed to remain Treasurer and Esther Hughes has offered to remain as Secretary. Marion Booth as asked to retire from the Friends Committee

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

Conclusion

Office bearers and management committee members were elected.

8 AOCB

Gordon Millar: As yet we have no news on the fate of the Pavilion. We've met with East Lothian Council

and have seen a surveyors report that says that it will cost hundreds of thousands of pounds to repair it. Meanwhile there are no viable alternative uses for the building and ELC have told us that they are unable to knock it down without Scottish Government permission because of its Common Good status.

Esther Hughes: We're holding a fun dog show on the 18th June. Please tell your friends. We're looking for volunteers to lend a hand on the day so please help if you can. Friends of Winterfield will be taking part in the Civic Week Parade leaving from the Bleachingfield Centre at 11.30. We'll also be represented at the Civic Week Fun Day.

9 . Date of next meeting

Conclusion: – 27th May 2014

10 . End of Meeting

Gordon Millar closed the meeting and thanked all that attended.

28th May 2013, 8.20pm EH

Friends Of Winterfield – Treasurers Report 2012 – 2013

After the Friends of Winterfield (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. The committee is grateful 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 – £500.00 for set up and stationary cost; Stamps, printing, paper etc.

Civic Pride Fund - £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 arranged a Fun Dog Show on 18th June 2012 which, although it incurred some costs, was a success as it encouraged people to visit the park and raised awareness of FoW. Another such show will be held on 22nd June 2013 which we hope will be a financial success as well as a social one. We have already reduced the organisation costs and made other changes which we hope will result in a profit.

Looking at the balance sheet FoW seems to be cash rich at present. Much of the work listed above has been carried out by the ELC and we very much appreciate their help and efforts. Unfortunately however, despite several requests from Esther and myself, we have yet to receive any Invoices for the above projects from the council, mainly due to some of those projects requiring some further work to be carried out to finish them.

Those who visit the park will have noticed and perhaps made use of the picnic benches and other benches in the area around the entrance and Tennis Club, as well as the new flower / shrub beds and planting in progress. Hopefully visitors and especially dog walkers are making good use of the new waste bins in the park!

We are grateful to Dunbar Community Council who kindly donated us a very nice bench which has been used appreciated by visitors.

There are many other projects in planning by the FoW group including a Trim Trail and upgrading of the entrance and wall in front of the park.

I would like once more to mention Esther Hughes our Secretary works very hard completing applications for funding and her work has been most successful in raising monies for all the above projects. Many thanks to Esther without whom we would not have been able to make the progress we have done. We are already in receipt of £4400.00 from the Civic Pride Fund for further work to be carried out in 2013 -2014.

Denise C Wilson
May 13th, 2013

Friends of Winterfield**Treasurers Report 2012 - 2013****Income 2011**

Environmental Fund	2,996.00
Interest	0.03

Dog Show Expenditure

insurance	£78.60
Rosettes	£27.30
Civic wk donation	£15.00

Expenditure 2011

No expenditure in 2011.	0.00
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Dog show income £55.00 **-£65.90****0.00** **2996.03****Dunbar Community Council** £500.00

Set up costs	
Printing and stationary	£105.86
Stamps	£103.64
Dog Show	£65.30

Income 2012

Dunbar Community council	500.00
Civic Pride	5,000.00
Interest	2.88
ELC	4,400.00
	9,902.88

12898.91**Expenditure 2012**

Printing and stationary	105.86
Stamps	103.64
Dog show	65.90
petty cash	15.00

290.40 **12,608.51****Balance 2012****12,608.51**