



Minutes of 8TH AGM on Wednesday 6th March 2013 held in Nether Currie Primary School

Present – Councillor Dominic Heslop-Audrey Anderson-Nev Anderson-Jack Cairns
Jean Cairns-Barbara Chambers-Roddy Denham-Eleanor Hutchison
Mark Hutchison-Ann Ireland-Ian Ireland-Donald Kennedy-Judith Macleod
Mairi Mitchell-Steve Mitchell-Sheila Nicol-Gordon Porteous -Alex Preston
Jo Walton – Val Wardle.

1. Apologies – Margo Arnot.

Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed his satisfaction at the size of the attendance.

2. Minutes of 7th AGM on 29th February 2012 were accepted as correct with one minor amendment to 3rd bottom line on Page 2. “NOT” to be inserted between HAS and BEEN. Proposed by Ian Ireland and seconded by Jack Cairns.

3. Matters Arising from 29th February 2012 Meeting

The stolen flower tub is to be replaced.

The Interpretation Board is with the Council Graphics Department.

The new Park Rules have not been displayed yet.

The drainage problem is still a major issue and Jack and Mark gave a brief report on the up to date position. A camera inspection of the drains from Thomson Crescent to Muir Wood Road was carried out week commencing 4th March 2013.

The new, artificial grass surface on the football pitch was completed on 5th March 2013. Thanks to Edinburgh Council and Awards for All Scotland for the funds to carry out this task. Thanks also to Ecosse Sports for the excellent work and minimum disruption to the Park.

Councillor Heslop spoke about the fencing around the Children’s Play area and that Budgets and Council Policy were the main stumbling blocks. He agreed to take the File that we had prepared arguing our case and try to progress it further.

Steve suggested gates could be fitted at the three entrances to the park as another option.

4. Office Bearers Reports.

Membership Secretary, Ann Ireland, said that we had over 100 members but most of them were inactive as far as the Friends Group was concerned. Because of this we would not be holding any events this year. This, coupled with our relatively healthy bank balance (over £700.) was the reason why we had decided not to collect the Annual £5.00 subscription. Discussion took place on this and the following was agreed-

- a. Maintain the Annual subscription for 2013/14.
- b. Canvass for new members when collecting the subscription.
- c. Put signs in notice boards encouraging new members.
- d. A number of those present offered to help with the collection and other tasks.
This was very encouraging to the existing Committee.

The Treasurer referred to the Accounts and said that we had over £700.00 left once the football pitch was paid for. There were no large expenses in the foreseeable future.

The Nature Officer reported that the Bee Colony in the park was to be replaced as the one installed last year had not survived. Voles had been spotted at the West corner of the park and the Council had been asked not to cut the grass there to encourage them to colonise this area.

5. Election of Office Bearers.

The following were elected unopposed –

Chairman	Mark Hutchison	Proposed by Ian Ireland	Seconded by Jack Cairns
Secretary/Treasurer	Ian Ireland	Proposed by Jack Cairns	Seconded by Jo Walton
Membership Secy.	Ann Ireland	Proposed by Jean Cairns	Seconded by Eleanor Hutchison
Technical Consultant	Jack Cairns	Proposed by Ian Ireland	Seconded by Barbara Chambers
Nature Officer	Mark Hutchison	Proposed by Ann Ireland	Seconded by Eleanor Hutchison

6. AOCB.

- a) A third signatory was required for cheque signing purposes and it was agreed that Mark Hutchison's name should be added.
- b) Jo Walton gave a brief run down on the proposed Nature Trail and explained about the wooden, animal sculptures. It was suggested that the large tree stump at the East end would be an ideal spot for a sculpture. We are waiting to hear if our grant bid with Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership is successful.

- c) It was recommended that the bin at the back of the park that is not emptied regularly is moved to another site. Also, another bench beside the football pitch would be appreciated.
- d) Val passed on thanks to the committee for getting the football pitch upgraded and said that it had been well received by the young boys. Thanks were passed on to Steve Mitchell who had, metaphorically, set the ball rolling.
She also said that the path was in very poor condition (mainly due to the flooding). Craig Dunlop to be advised of this.
- e) Sheila Nicol stated that Nether Currie Primary School had achieved their own Green Flag - congratulations were passed on.
She spoke about a "Concert of Bees" that was to take place throughout Edinburgh later in the year. As part of this event a wildflower garden was being proposed in the Park. A meeting had been arranged for Friday 8th March with Craig Dunlop, the Contractor and representatives from the Friends Group.
- f) Letting Requests – Sheila will advise of dates for future meetings to be held in the school.
- g) Ian indicated that Steve had ten spades, forks and one small box with gloves, hand trowels etc and it would be appreciated if the school was able to find space to store these.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Nether Currie Primary School on Wednesday 5th June 2013 at 6.45pm.