



Forum Partnership Meeting No. 17

Minutes of the meeting

17th September 2019 – 10am – High Elms Country Park

see secretary for details of attendees

MINUTES

- 1 **Welcome & introductions** – SF is introduced as the new Contract Manager for the East of the borough
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – JC, SG, RG, KR and HA
- 3 **Minutes of last meeting** – 16th June 2019 – agreed and will be published on the Forum website.

Matters arising (see action tracker)

- i. Commemorative bench procedure template – Commemorative bench procedure template – JH has looked over this and advised he is satisfied with the current process. JH advised that he will be reviewing the process with colleagues and this will be finalised in meeting on Friday 20th September 2019.
- ii. Drinking fountains – LH advised that this refers to both existing and new fountains. JH advised he would need to assess the practicality of reinstating the existing fountains and will engage with Property to achieve this. JH advised that he had spoken with the Carbon Neutral team and they had advised that there was no budget currently available for this.
- iii. Quarterly statistics – AR advised that 17 groups have responded. JH advised that a letter had been sent to all groups explaining the need for the statistics to be gathered. FK advised that idverde collect the data on behalf of the Council and explained the value of the data and how it can be used.
- iv. Go Parks London initiative – JH advised that the Council are supportive of the scheme.
- vii. Signage in parks – JH advised that the Cemeteries have been quoted for and approved and awaiting final sign off. JH advised that he is attending a meeting in September to discuss the strategic approach for signage and will update the group in due course.
- viii. Gates/disability access at Scadbury Park – VS asked why this had been closed as an action. It was explained that this was site specific and to contact the site manager to review options

- ix. Grant funding plan – AR explained that the Grant Funding Plan is written in conjunction with the Council and that work was ongoing.

4 idverde update

- i. JP - Biodiversity - Angela Wood will be returning from maternity leave on 26/09/2019
- ii. JP explained that idverde directors had recently embarked on a leadership volunteer day in Bromley led by Steven Lofting. The day was good to demonstrate the biodiversity works we complete in Bromley and there are intentions to repeat the day in future.
- iii. We recently received a silver award for Brook Lane, the pond was stripped out and replaced/cleared up, locks changed and recording numbers of volunteers and is going okay so far.
- iv. Recruiting for a new instructor for BEECHE and applications due to close on 29/09.
- v. AR - Scadbury moated manner conservation accredited professional appointed - first phase of funding.
- vi. Bandstand - AR secured heritage trust £10,000, £14,000 from concert and a £10,000 anonymous donation recently received also £2192.00 to raise small fundraiser. Bricks sold 1170 total of £11,000
- vii. AR – Tugmutton Recreation Ground Teddy Bears picnic went well and was well received.
- viii. Kings Meadow playground funding stage 2 funding is going through.
- ix. JT - 230 events applications have been processed this year.
- x. Other parks are being looked at rather than using the same parks within Bromley. Coming toward the end of the event season, the biggest events yet to come this year are the fireworks shows in November
- xi. AH - Grass cutting coming to the end of season. We have recovered from a slow start. SF will be looking after east of the borough.
- xii. AH – We are currently preparing for the arrival of the winter bedding, if there are any requests for the summer bedding that is being removed please email the enquiries team.
- xiii. AH - Penny/Carol are consulting with groups regarding the management plans feedback has been very interesting and noteworthy.
- xiv. PP advised we are preparing to update the parks strategy.

5 LBB update

- i. JH – The Council is currently engaged in a “Transform Agenda” departments are being reshuffled as part of a wider restructure. The department is now known as Environment & Public Protection
- ii. JH – Nigel Davies leaves the Council on 23/11. He will be replaced by Colin Brand, Colin’s has previously been involved in the parks and open spaces.
- iii. Waste collection has changed from this week, leaflets have been sent out and looks good.
- iv. A new Neighbourhood Management Officer has been appointed, Jessica Morris.

6 Forum Business

- i. LH advised that he had not received any feedback on the Partnership statement. FK advised the council is currently reviewing it and will feed back on the statement in due course.
- ii. LH advised that the Forum was issuing a questionnaire to members. FK asked if the survey results will be shared as he is completing a similar survey.
- iii. LH – Friends Forum AGM will be 20th November 2019 18:30 in the Council chambers as previous. May have a speaker from Royal Parks Team/met police/biodiversity from St James Park (not guaranteed)

7 Any other business

None

8 Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th December 10am, High Elms.