



**SANDBACH PARK STEERING GROUP**

**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**DURATION:** 1pm to 2.30 pm

**VENUE:** SANDBACH ENTERPRISE CENTRE

**ATTENDANCE:** Dot Flint – Sandbach Partnership Chair (DF); Gill Merry –FOEP (GM); Cllr Mike Benson – Sandbach Town Council (MB); Di Owen – ANSA (DO) Sue Brereton – Sandbach Partnership (SB,) George Broughton – CEC (GB) Graham Burgess – ANSA (GB)

Item	Agenda Item/Discussion	Action/Comment
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	Charlie Griffiths, Gill Merry.
2.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>  <b>Matters Arising</b>	Accepted  GB was thanked for the deep clean that has taken place in the park toilets and the fantastic job on the Holly trees.  DO is waiting for prices for the replacement metal covers for the park benches.  MB the consultation on the new play area in Sandbach has been delayed due to some legalities.
3.	<b>Green Flag Award</b>  Red Design have been commissioned to write the Management Plan and DO is looking at the application process.  The subgroup are meeting weekly and the plan is on time to be submitted for 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2015.	
4.	<b>New Wren Funding</b>  From 1 January 2015, applications for WREN landfill tax funding should be submitted under the new Community Fund programme. Grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 are available for projects that can demonstrate how they fall into Object D of the Landfill  Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement doors and windows for village halls and community centres.</li> <li>• Provision of children’s play equipment in open public spaces.</li> <li>• Construction of footpaths and cycle ways in public parks.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of all-weather play surfaces for MUGA multi use games areas.</li> <li>• The provision of skate parks.</li> <li>• Dipping platform and all weather paths at local nature reserves.</li> </ul> <p>Community organisations, voluntary groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations and groups can apply for funding as long as they have a formal constitution and bank account. Local authorities can also apply. All projects should be ready to start within six months of a funding decision being made.</p> <p>The first deadline for applications in 2015 is 18 March 2015.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Refreshments Contract</b></p> <p>DF informed the group that she has a meeting this week with the contractor and will be working with CEC on the contract.</p> <p>The income generated from the refreshment contract would be directed to FOSP.</p>	
6.	<p><b>FOSP update</b></p> <p>MB reported:-</p> <p>The AGM was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January all the committee agreed to stand for another year.</p> <p>The Winter planting had been completed at the end of November thanks to the FOSP volunteers.</p> <p>Careforce working with FOSP will be caring out repairs to the raised bed in the sensory garden and will also clear out the borders which run parallel to the fire station during the winter.</p>	
7.	<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p>DO is waiting for prices for the safety signage for the pond area.</p> <p>A date has been set to visit the suppliers of the outdoor table tennis tables.</p> <p>GB is waiting for costings to install a Boules facility in the park.</p> <p>GB informed the group that CEC have agreed to install a gate and fence at the Dingle lane boundary.</p> <p>A request for a gate on the storage area will be considered by CEC.</p>	

	<p>DF is meeting with Norman Belfield next week to discuss the grass matting on the junior play area.</p> <p>DO is in discussion with the families of Bob Reade and Mrs. Dodd regarding the memorial benches in the park.</p> <p>It was agreed that a plan and policy will be developed on the installation of memorial benches in the park.</p>	
8.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 10am Sandbach Enterprise Centre</b>