

SANDBACH PARK STEERING GROUP

DATE: 27th March 2017

DURATION: 10.00am to 11.30am

VENUE: SANDBACH ENTERPRISE CENTRE

ATTENDANCE: Dot Flint – Sandbach Partnership Chair (DF), Mike Benson – Friends Sandbach Park (MB) Sue Brereton – Sandbach Partnership (SB), Gill Merry – Friends of Elworth Park (GM), Sam Corcoran – Sandbach Town Council (SC) George Broughton – CEC (GB).

Item	Agenda Item/Discussion	Action/Comment
1.	Apologies	Gill Merry, Elaine Webster, Ruth Morgan.
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting Matters Arising	Accepted AOB it was stated that the decision not to include a Trim Tail in the Park was because it was too small, this has been corrected. I It was decided that instead of a Trim Trail with equipment locations around the park any additional equipment would be installed alongside existing equipment.
3.	Green Flag 2017 A visit from the Green Flag assessors is expected around May time. In the GF Management Plan the lack of clear signage for the park was identified as an issue. It was agreed that a welcome sign on the grass outside that park would be good, there is space now that the recycling bins have been removed DF agreed to contact the Fire Service as the land belongs to them.	
4.	Projects 2017 It was agreed that for the next phase of the paths project companies would be invited to quote for a design and build project, this would reduce the expenditure on designs. SB will contact Ruth Morgan ANSA parks officer to discuss the way forward and invite ANSA to quote. SC informed the group that the £35k held by the Town Council for Parks was for all Parks, the group thought that this money was held for Sandbach Park. MB produced the final STC account which clearly showed the amount carried forward for Sandbach Park was £ 35.843, a separate line identified that there was £15000 in reserve for Parks and Play Areas.	SC and MB did not agree, the position will be checked for the next meeting.

5.	<p>Wild Flower Area</p> <p>The area chosen for a wild flower area is the wet scrape running adjacent to the new path along by the pond. The Partnership will get some designs and costs for this, however it is a long-term project.</p> <p>Funding for the project needs to be secured, DF will ask the allotment society if their £500 allocation from the environmental fund can be redirected to the Wild Flower Area. The funding was to develop an orchard but they have been unable to secure the plot of land identified for the project.</p> <p>The Wild Flower Area should attract Bees, SC agreed to invite Helen Scott to contact the Partnership to discuss a way forward for the Bee project.</p>	
6.	<p>Telephone Kiosk</p> <p>DF reported that the Kiosk will be installed in the park on the 3rd April, Care4force have agreed to refurbish it on 4th and 6th April, then a community consultation will be carried out to decide how to use it.</p>	
7.	<p>FOSP Update</p> <p>MB informed the group that the FOSP would be willing to help with the Wild Flower Project.</p> <p>The FOSP are busy doing general maintenance during the early spring, the park is looking great and the FOSP are looking forward to a proactive year ahead.</p>	
6.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>DF reported that the refreshment contract has been renewed for 2017 and the first instalment of £500 has been made.</p> <p>SC asked when the goal posts will be back in the park, MB explained that the sockets have been damaged and will need repairing.</p>	<p>GB agreed to take this up with ANSA and get the goal posts installed after the Transport Festival.</p>
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Monday 22nd May 10am Sandbach Enterprise Centre</p>