

Leechwell Garden Association
Birdwood House, at 3.30pm Wed. 2 Feb 2011

Notes by Alan Gorman

Present: Jim Carfrae, Alan Gorman, Sue Holmes, Lorette Logue, Anna Lunk, David Mitchell, Janet Mitchell, Catherine Munro, Shirley Prendergast, Wendy Reid, Jill Tomalin, Ed Vidler, Alex Whish, Jeannette Willington

Apologies: Robert Vint (arrived at 4.00pm)

Welcome to Catherine Munro, co-ordinator of the Tornes Healthy Futures Project

Special thanks and applause to: Jim Carfrae whose term as paid LGA Project Manager has come to an end

Unanimously co-opted member of LGA: Jim Carfrae

Minutes of meeting of 10 Jan 2011 approved.

Matters arising:

SP: Bat Society recommends placing bat boxes in groups of three. Boxes cost £6 – 7 each. Bat monitor costs £100.

AW: Log pile: instructions have been issued

Lower pool: quote obtained, instruction to be issued today

Circular pool funded by SHDC: Coping £400, steps £1,000

Laminated notice is up

Notice board: to be completed with new garden plan as per website

Finances:

EV: No response as yet from Community Spaces: an indication in principle whether surplus cash may be used for extra costs.

Surplus: £1,800

Costs: £1,450

AW: Public art to be installed by SHDC

Mats to be installed by volunteers

LL: Could there be extra money for further planting?

Project Manager's report:

JC: Last bench has been installed

Loose slat temporarily fixed: **Action:** slat to be permanently fixed in March

Positioning of shed still to be decided

JT: Pool Project – see discussion document

DM and JC: favour Option 3, rule out Option 2 (agreed)

EV: we need the cheapest way of achieving the most aesthetically pleasing outcome

JT: the site is archeologically sensitive

SP: The ability to get Lottery funds tied to scheduling the Pool for protection

AW: Sealing the Pool requires invasive work. If no action is taken either black pipe remains in situ or Pool continues to leak.

EV: Propose Option 1 subject to reasonable costs

JT: but costs of follow-up to scheduling are unknown

EV: Favours Option 3

AW: planning permission is conditioned

JT: project will be delayed while JT investigates further with EH.

Action: AW to check planning conditions

(Note: SP and DM prepared a document on the stages of the pool project to date for the website)

JT: Volunteers/members/events

JT: Volunteers to be regarded as separate from members

DM: Constitution allows this

Action: Abandon membership cards – anyone living in Totnes can vote

Action: EV to check constitution, constitution to be changed if necessary

SH: Healthy Futures offers volunteer programme throughout the year. Good volunteers have come from Lamb project through personal recommendation.

LL: Ask for volunteers through notice board, give plenty of notice for projects requiring volunteers

EV: Are there TTT volunteers?

JC: Emphasise the learning aspects of volunteering, e.g. learn new skills

Action: JT to compile list of opportunities for volunteers with names of people responsible for each project

Action: Members to come up with ideas for activities

AGM:

Action: DM and EV to organise AGM for early May (guest speakers?) with volunteer help - immediately after Easter, giving the required period of notice

Sustainability Grant:

Action: JT and AW to finalise list of activities on SHDC land, to be progressed without a further meeting

DM: Max. £3,500: should be applied for before practical completion date (currently 31 Jan 2010!)

Action: EV to clarify practical completion date with facilitator, DM to remove current date

DM was thanked for his work on this

Action: AW to make list of tools required. In the absence of available tools SHDC will provide them.

Action: JW to circulate email with planting suggestions

Action: SH and AW: Apple tree to be moved from Lamb to Leechwell Gardens, location tbc

EV: post-installation £500 to treat as surplus

AOB: Proposal received from Jeffrey Gale declined

JM: Public art installation: site agreed with Rosie Musgrave and Health and Safety, completion towards end June

Next Meeting: 3 pm Wed 2nd March