

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Friends of Downhills Park, Sunday 3 June 2018**

**Friends:** Briam Bousangar, Chris Currie, Sylvia Oland, Clare Parry, Barbara Rushworth, Brenda Whittle, Stephen Whittle

**Apologies:** Rod Wells

### **1. Minutes & matters arising**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2018 were agreed as a true record. It was noted that the AGM had been held since the March meeting and the minutes circulated for information. They will be formally approved at the 2019 AGM.

### **2. Caravans in Downhills Park**

It was noted that several caravans and accompanying vehicles had entered the park earlier in the day via the entrance at the corner of Belmont Road and Downhills Park Road. Stephen had reported this to Sarah Williams. It was agreed that Clare would also write to Sara Jones.

### **3. Art in the Park, Sunday 22 July**

Clare noted that the application to use the park had been submitted to Haringey Council. In terms of applications for funding for Art in the Park, it was noted that an application to the Haringey Council Small Grants Fund for £500 would be submitted as well as an application to the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation. Friends discussed whether or not Pocket Living should be approached for a further donation to Art in the Park. There were mixed views about submitting such a request, however, on balance it was agreed that an approach would be made and that Clare would write to them accordingly.

Several artists had confirmed their participation at Art in the Park. It was agreed that Clare would contact Sam Sam the Bubbleman to obtain a quote for participating in the event. It was also suggested that Joan be contacted regarding the painting group at The Hub.

### **4. Haringey Friends of Parks Forum**

Clare noted that she had attended the Haringey Friends of Parks Forum meeting on Saturday 2 June. Ed Santry, the new Conservation Officer, had been in attendance for the full meeting with Simon Farrow joining for the parks update and question session from 11am. Clare noted that she had suggested a meeting re: arranging a walk around at Downhills Park to follow up on various items including watering trees, water level at the pond and flooding in some areas of the park.

### **5. AOB**

- **War Memorial:** Stephen noted that he had followed up again with Barbara Blake regarding the War Memorial and hoped that work would be starting on this soon. He was also in touch with Alan Swain regarding the War Memorial and would keep Friends posted on progress.

- **Football club:** Clare noted that she had been contacted by the Gaelic Rugby Football Club regarding their approach to the Council to discuss the possibility of an multi purpose all weather pitch in the park.
- **Park café trail map:** Clare noted that the café park trail map had been printed and that Joan would be leading an inaugural walk of the route in July.
- **Next meeting of the Friends of Downhills Park:** Sunday 9 September at 4pm in the cafe.