

**Friends of the River Almond Walkway
Trustee Committee Meeting
7.00 pm 16th April 2018 – 45 Braehead Road**

Present: Richard Adlington (Chair), George Bee, Isla Browning, John Crutchfield, Euan Drysdale, Robin White, John Kerr

- 1. Minutes of meeting - 5th March 2018:** No comments.
- 2. Matters arising** – All covered on the agenda
- 3. Administrative Matters**
 - Website - Meeting to discuss the redevelopment of the website to be arranged. **Action RW**
 - AGM - had been very well attended and was very successful. **Draft minutes had been circulated, were approved by the committee and signed by the Chair and Secretary.**
 - Safeguarding and Notifiable Events - ED working on draft procedure **Action ED**
 - GDPR – New Data Protection regulations will be effective from 25th May 2018. JK/ED investigating whether or not FRAW need to register with the Information Commissioner, what procedures need to be in place to keep data secure and what we need to communicate to members. **Action JK/ED**
- 4. Administrative Matters – Treasurer/Membership Secretary Report**
 - Balance at Bank is £5900.53.
 - Details of 9 new members were circulated and they were approved by the Committee.
 - Sums owing - £17.98 to JC for anti-slip tape for steps at woodland.
 - Gift Aid – second application submitted for 2017-18 – amount should be approx. £350.
 - Insurance cover extended for Trustee Liability.
 - Noted that we had joined Scotways – might be fundraising opportunities.
- 5. Edinburgh Friends of Parks Forum**
 - Next meeting is scheduled for 25th April and will include presentations by Cllr Karen Doran, vice convenor of Transport and Environment and David Jamieson, Head of Parks, Greenspaces and Cemeteries. This will also include the EFoPF AGM, which will also discuss a possible change of name for the Forum.
 - JK had met with Karen Doran on behalf of the EFoPF, but also took the opportunity mention the work going on at the River Almond Walkway.
- 6. Cramond Collaborative**
 - Next meeting scheduled for 31st May
- 7. Work Parties**
 - JC reported that the last WP was well attended. Drainage pipes were installed in the section between Fair-a-Far and the Salvesen Steps, and mud was cleared from the steps at Fair-a-Far and the Salvesen Steps.
 - Next WP is scheduled for 16th April. So far around 12 members have indicated that they can help. Plan is for Barry Smith to cut some of the trees marked during the walk with Ruthe Davies. Noted that more than one WP might be required to complete the removal of the marked trees.
 - JC may transplant some of the willows that re cut to the section between School Brae and Fair-a-far.
- 8. Drainage at Peggy's Mill**
 - JK had circulated a draft funding application for Neighbourhood Partnership funding. Comments requested by 20th April. **Action All**
 - RA/JC to discuss availability of aggregate with David Kyles. **Action JC/RA**

9. Steps at Community Woodland

- JC will speak to DK about availability of materials. **Action JC**
- Noted that it is likely we'll have to buy sleepers. GB to find out about availability and cost and whether supplier might cut them in two. **Action GB**

10. Cramond Primary P7 Project

- IB reported that the teachers wanted to restart on 27th April (Note – subsequently changed to 4th May)
- IB has more plants to go in, weeding needs to be done and IB hopes to create a rockery.
- Hope to get the pupils to create notices for the wildflower area.

11. Community Woodland

- Nothing significant happening at present
- RA reported that he had spoken to the owners who had dumped garden waste in the woodland. DK adamant this is CEC land and materials have been illegally dumped.
- Committee agreed to put up a notice making it clear there was no exit from the woodland through any of the gardens
- Agreed that this is primarily a CEC matter and we should monitor this but not write to the owners at present.

12. Salvesen Steps

- RA has spoken to Steven Webley who is trying to locate the geo-survey for SWECO.
- SW agreed to arrange a meeting which RA/JC/GB will attend.
- George Bee will contact SWECO for an update **Action GB**

13. Weirs

- Opening ceremony has been re-arranged for 21st April – an invitation has been sent to members.
- Work to re-instate the pathway between School Brae and Fair-a-Far is ongoing. FRAW continuing to monitor.
- Still no word on when the consultation on Dowie's Mill will take place.

14. Information Boards Fundraising

- JK reported that EACB had awarded FRAW the full amount requested and it will now be possible to get the botanical board constructed and installed. The money awarded will also fund a high quality sign on Cramond Brig showing key dates for both the old and new bridges. Planning permission and approval from the City Archaeologist and Historic Environment Scotland may be required.
- JK reported that the interpretation boards had been installed at the causeway to Cramond Island, the Village (part funded by HES) and at Fair-a-Far (part funded by HES).
- A launch event for the Cramond Heritage Trail is being planned. It is hoped that Ronnie Rae will 'open' the Trail. The FRAW Committee will be invited.

15. Plans for extending access along Walkway

- RA had walked along the path through Craigiehall.
- Agreed we need to arrange a meeting with MOD. RA to contact. **Action RA**
- RA to contact Martin Duncan about making the route a Core Path. **Action RA**
- JK to investigate whether Paths for All might be interested in helping. **Action JK**

16. AOB

17. Date and place of next meeting:

28th May 2018 at 7.00pm, hosted by RA at 9 Braepark