

**Friends of the River Almond Walkway
Trustee Committee Meeting
7.00 pm 8 January 2018 – 5 Braehead Park**

Present: Richard Adlington (Chair), John Crutchfield, Euan Drysdale, Robin White, John Kerr

1. Apologies: Isla Browning

2. Minutes meeting 20th November 2017: No comments

3. Matters arising: None

4. Administrative Matters

- Agreed to contact 2 members who had expressed an interest in helping with Facebook and Twitter to see if they are still interested and might also support the website. **Action JK**
- Provisional date for AGM is Monday 19th March.
JK to contact Cramond Kirk to check availability. **Action JK**
Agreed David Kyles should be invited to speak (once date agreed) **Action RA**
Email members once date agreed. **Action JK**
- RA presenting to Corstorphine Ladies Group on 19th Feb **Action RA**
- JK presenting to Morningside Justice and Peace Group on 7th March **Action JK**

5. Administrative Matters – Treasurer/Membership Secretary Report

- ED proposed that Michael Broom be appointed external examiner for the accounts to be submitted to OSCR. Approved unanimously by the Committee. ED to contact Michael Broom **Action ED**
RA to contact Sheila Nichol to thank her for her help in the past. **Action RA**
- Balance at Bank is £4180.73 @5th December
- Sums owing - JC - £19.75 for Ropes and Carabiniers £19.75
- ED still working with RBS to get Digital Banking set up
- Agreed ED will issue renewal notice in mid-February.

6. Edinburgh Friends of Parks Forum

- Annual CEC meeting for representatives of FoP Groups took place on 28th November. Speakers were
- o Prof Catherine Ward-Thompson, who spoke about research into quantifying the value of parks
 - o Emma Halliday from Hayburn Park in Glasgow, who spoke about fundraising using crowd funding
 - o Presentation and video about the use of robotic lawnmowers in Edinburgh

7. Cramond Collaborative

Next meeting scheduled for 8th February

8. Work Parties

- Work party on Saturday 6th Jan went extremely well with over 20 attendees. Much more achieved than expected.
- Next work party planned for February (after JC returns). Not sure what to include, though we need to put anti-slip strips on the steps at the Woodland Compartment.
- RW asked if we could do something about drainage at Dowies Mill turning circle.
Agreed we should discuss with David Kyles – CEC had promised to do something depending on status of Salvesen Steps project – and ask for some aggregate. Noted the concern that any work done was likely to be wrecked when contractors start work on the Salvesen Steps, but they will have to reinstate.

9. Cramond Primary P7 Project

- No more work done in December due to pressures at school
- Some planting still to be done and some weeding required
- The school has been asked to get the children to produce signs for the area to replace the existing ones.

10. Community Woodland

Agreed that paths are looking great after the work party on Saturday 6th Jan

May need some replacement trees to replace those that have died off

Noted that there are 'boundary issues' at each end. RA to write to David Kyles to ask CEC to clarify. Also to include the narrow path leading to Cammo Road

Action RA

11. Salvesen Steps

Some progress. SWECO have been paid, Sustrans have reconfirmed their commitment and Steven Webley has returned to work. Once SWECO appointed for next stage, RA will request a further meeting of the project team.

Action RA

12. Weirs:

Fair a Far Completion hopefully in January. Depends on water level.

New Project Manager, Alison Baker, has been in contact suggesting a meeting – RA to contact her to get this arranged.

Action RA

RiverLife still refusing to share the Dowies Mill Report until after the Project Steering group meeting on 16th Jan. RA to contact Steven Webley to request a copy.

RA will contact local councillors to give them an update on the project and ask for their support.

Action RA

13. Information Boards Fundraising

JK has requested revised quotes from Fitzpatrick Woolmer and Ratho Forge to provide current estimates.

Next meeting of Edinburgh Airport Community Board is early March.

Action JK

14. Plans for extending access along Walkway

RW contacted Joy Fotheringham at MoD who are still keen to provide the land for the Walkway, but are reluctant to provide a letter of support.

RA will contact Martin Duncan to ensure extended Walkway is being included in the Core Paths Plan.

15. AOB

16. Date and place of next meeting:

5th March 2018 at 7.00pm hosted by JC