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**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 16th July 2014**  
**6.00pm at the Bowling Pavilion**

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton**
- 4. Any Other Business**
- 5. Dates of Future Meetings**
- 6. David Kynaston – Bobby Abel**

**Pat Kingwell**  
**Secretary**  
**4 July 2014**

## Notes of General Meeting of 18th June 2014

**Present:** Steven Broomfield (Blue Cross); Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Tim Clee (London Borough of Southwark); Jean Cunliffe; Judith Deschamps; Monika Drozd (Bluebird Boats); Dave Fisher; Angela Glassgow (Blue Cross); Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Gary Magold; Cllr. Eliza Mann; Stewart Morgan; Jean Mulholland; Lyn Murray; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Scott Renken (Cancer Research UK); Jim Saunders; Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Sarah Squire (Cancer Research UK); Cllr Kath Whittam; George Witsey

	Item	Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Roger Bilder; Ron Henocq; Colin Smith and Amanda Squires	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of General Meeting of 16th April 2014</b> The notes were agreed as a true record.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Southwark Park – Children’s Playground Slide</b> The Council’s Repairs & Maintenance Manager has assessed the condition of the sloped areas on either side of the main slide and will report on a solution.	<b>Andy Chatterton Repairs Team</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Boats on the Lake</b> Monika Drozd, Bluebird Boats, spoke about the boating on the lake, planned to commence at weekends from 28 <sup>th</sup> June and throughout the summer holidays. There would be 3 rowing boats and 9 pedaloes. She outlined the experience her company had in running boats in Regents and Dulwich Parks. She had met with Jon Best, Southwark’s Ecology Officer, about wildlife and environmental issues. Monika addressed questions about security, pricing and impact on lake. Monika confirmed there would be 150 free tickets to coincide with our celebrations. The meeting welcomed the return of boats on the lake after so long a gap, and Gary Magold offered Monika copies of his historic photos for public interest.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Southwark Park Sports Centre</b> Tim Clee updated us on the project. All funding is in place – c£3m – and works will be carried out in two phases. First the track reinstatement with a central grassed area for field sports – likely to be completed by summer 2015. Second, the changing room refurbishment thereafter. In answer to questions Tim said Southwark Harriers club had been established and would be based in the centre; there would be low level spectator seating; access would be open to general public; there would be new bulbs for floodlights; and a tight monitoring of management would be put in place. The eventual management of the centre will be up for debate. The meeting called for a very robust management agreement with stakeholder input. The Mellish Sports Centre is a good model. We also asked for representation on the project steering group. Thanks were given to Tim and all those in the community who had petitioned for improvements.	<b>Tim Clee</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Blue Cross Mobile Clinic</b> Steven Broomfield and Angela Glassgow spoke about the service offered by Blue Cross which could benefit about 4000 animals in SE16. The clinic is targeted at economically disadvantaged communities and had been in Southwark Park recently. The meeting was very supportive of a regular clinic and asked Steven and Angela to come back again as things develop.	<b>Steven Broomfield Angela Glassgow</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Cancer Research Shine Night Walk</b> Scott Renken and Sarah Squire spoke about the planned charity night walk on 27 <sup>th</sup> September. Southwark Park is suggested as the start point for an event which could involve up to 17,500 participants. A number of questions were raised including use of tracking; loudness of PA systems; tree lighting; use of Gomm	<b>Cllr Kath Whittam</b>

	Road and the extent to which the park will be closed to the public. Comments were made about the level of charges being made by Southwark Council for a charitable event. Cllr. Whittam agreed to take matters up with the Events team.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Old Nursery Master Plan</b> Andy reported that Parks main focus is developing a Communications and Consultation plan and scoping other stakeholders. A project board will be set up and will arrange consultation on the Old Nursery site, the athletics track and building project. The date of the first meeting will be announced as soon as key stakeholders are nominated. It was agreed that Gary Glover and Tracy Scales would represent FOSP, with Marjorie Hill in reserve. Tracy offered to speak to an Ann Moss Way resident as a representative.	<b>Max Nakrani</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Bicycle Racks in Southwark Park</b> Angela Woolhouse, one of our members, had asked about the provision of more racks. It was agreed Andy would report back on potential locations and costs.	<b>Andy Chatterton</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Memorials in Southwark Park</b> Questions were asked about the regulations around putting personal memorials in the park. Andy confirmed there is a Council policy, which he will provide.	<b>Andy Chatterton</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>‘Southwark Park 150’ Update</b> Pat outlined activities taken place to date, including tree planting; tour of the Ada Salter Garden; Jabez West day; Norwegian Constitution Day; Ken Worpole’s talk; and the Bobby Abel Memorial Cricket Cup (winners St. Joseph’s, Gomm Road). Thanks extended to all who had made the events possible, especially the volunteers, sponsors and staff from Southwark Park. A drawing of the proposed ‘150’ commemorative gates was circulated and generally approved.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Park Manager’s Report</b> Andy Chatterton reported:	
<b>11.1</b>	<b>Southwark Park – Playground Water Feature</b> The contractor Ustigate will commence the work on 23rd June and they estimate the initial works will take a week. There will then be a three week ‘settling’ period during which time the area will remain fenced off and they will then return to complete the work before the start of the school summer holidays.	
<b>11.2</b>	<b>Southwark Park – New Tennis Courts</b> Material Science Consultants Ltd (MSc) have provided feasibility reports and a cost estimate. Geotechnical survey will happen on 26 June. The process is underway to seek authority to go out to tender. MSc have produced plans and colour options for discussion with FoSP, looking to Friends to firm up the surface colour option. Re-painting older courts will only be delivered if we have a budget underspend.  <u>Current programme:</u> FoSP - sign off on colour option                      June 2014 Gateway 1 approval                                      July 2014 Planning (8 weeks)                                        July 2014 Tender process (6-8 weeks)                            September 2014 Gateway 2 award of contract                        November 2014 Commencement of works (12 weeks)              December 2014 Completion    March 2015	
<b>11.3</b>	<b>‘Southwark Park 150’ Trees</b> Some of the trees planted near Dilston Grove on 28 <sup>th</sup> April were vandalised shortly afterwards and have now been replanted on the mounded area.	
<b>11.4</b>	<b>Southwark Park Boundary and Private Gates</b> The gaps in front of boundary and private gates have yet to be addressed.	<b>Andy Chatterton</b>
<b>11.5</b>	<b>Southwark Park – Jabez West Water Fountain</b> A new lectern has been installed by Browse Bion.	

<b>11.6</b>	<b>Southwark Park - Lake Condition</b> The algae and blanket weed was treated on 13 <sup>th</sup> June. Although the treatment was successful, there is now a red colouring on the surface giving off a strong odour. The Ecology Officer has viewed the condition and water samples will be taken for analysis on 20th June by A.G.A Group Bioengineering Systems Limited.	
<b>11.7</b>	<b>Southwark Park Walkabout</b> The gaps in boundary & private gates to be addressed.	<b>Andy Chatterton</b>
<b>11.8</b>	<b>King's Stairs Gardens - Portaloo by Mission Point</b> The contractor has been asked if they would make a goodwill gesture in view of the fact that they did not have to obtain a licence. One suggestion is the funding of a young staked tree in soft ground.	
<b>11.9</b>	<b>King's Stairs Gardens - Damage to trees</b> Several residents have reported on the damage to the Fields in Trust Oak tree in the grass area behind Cathay House. The wire fence has now been re-secured around the tree to help prevent further damage occurring.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Bowling Club Update</b> It was agreed to nominate the club for a Southwark News Blue Plaque.	<b>Pat Kingwell</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>West Lane War Memorial</b> Gary Magold thanked Lyn Olding and Nick Mellish for the improvements.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>King's Stairs Garden Issues</b> None other than 11.8 and 11.9 above	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Planning Matters Update - Southwark Park – Millstream House Planning Application 14/AP/0628</b> The Parks Tree Officer – Ian Williams has no real issue with the removal of the tree in poor health. There are 2 other trees that have their Root Protection Areas (RPAs) within the site but these roots are currently already under hard surfacing on that side, which is to remain in place during the works followed by a hand dig approach at a later date. Ian is willing to visit the site anytime to ensure correct methods are being used, particularly if it is suspected that the guidelines are not being followed. The branch pruning must be done to current standards (BS3998:2010) and Ian is happy to be present when this is to take place if required. Ian's only real concern is that these existing trees will cast shade onto the proposed new dwellings (this is shown in the tree report in the application), which will inevitably result at some point in the new residents wanting the trees pruned back for light - which is of course something we don't prune for under the council tree strategy but it could be worth thinking about putting TPOs on the trees as an attempt to prevent future issues.  It was agreed that Tree Protection Orders should be pursued by the Parks Tree Officer.	<b>Andy Chatterton</b> <b>Ian Williams</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>16.1</b>	<b>Traffic Management in Southwark Park</b> The issue of commuter parking remains aa concern and it was agreed to take it up with the new Cabinet member.	<b>Pat Kingwell</b>
<b>16.2</b>	<b>Dolphins Sculpture</b> Agreed to ask when it will be installed in Southwark Park lake.	<b>Pat Kingwell</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Dates of Future Meetings 2014 - All 6.00pm</b> Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July at <b>The Bowling Club Pavilion – David Kynaston talk on Bobby Abel</b> Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Annual General Meeting and Film Premiere</b>	