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**General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 18th July 2012 6.00pm at**  
**The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park**

### **Agenda**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and Matters Arising (attached)**
- 3. Former Nursery - Preparation for Special Meeting in September**
- 4. Park Manager's Report – Andy Chatterton LBS**
- 5. Unauthorised Access – The Yellow House - update**
- 6. Planning Matters – updates if available on:**
  - **386 Southwark Park Road former Social Club (Ref: 010-AP-3548)**
  - **The Lodge, Lower Road (Ref: 12-AP-1121)**
- 7. King's Stairs Gardens Lighting**
- 8. King's Stairs Gardens Issues – Michael Daniels**
- 9. Bowling Club Update**
- 10. Gallery Update – Ron Henocq**
- 11. Finances – Marjorie Hill**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Dates of Future Meetings**

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**Secretary**  
**8<sup>th</sup> July 2012**



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**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park General Meeting  
 held on 20th June 2012 at  
 The Park Office, Southwark Park**

**In attendance:**

William Cameron; Alison Clayburn; Tim Clee (London Borough of Southwark); Jean Cunliffe; Julie Defalco; Judith Deschamps; Dave Fisher; Gary Glover; Marjorie Hill; Stephen Humphrey; Sue Johnson; Pat Kingwell; Gary Magold; Jean Mulholland; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark);; Jim Saunders; Tracey Scales; Amanda Squires; Colin Smith; Corinne Turner; George Witsey.

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr. Anood Al-Samerai; Andy Chatterton (London Borough of Southwark); Michael Daniels; Colin Hartridge-Price; Sue Sexton; Louise Sheridan; Susan Vaughan	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012</b> The notes were agreed as a true record.	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>2.1.1</b>	<b>Motorcycle Training Proposal</b> Tim Clee advised the meeting that the applicants had been informed by Southwark Council that motorcycle training was not a permissible activity within the park.	
<b>2.1.2.</b>	<b>Former Lido Fountain</b> Andrea Pita reported that following advice from Cafe Gallery it has been repainted and is looking much better. In the discussion it was suggested that the high fencing around the structure should be lowered to make the structure more pleasing to look at. Health and safety concerns are probably being overstated in this case.	Andy Chatterton
<b>2.1.3.</b>	<b>386 Southwark Park Road former Social Club</b> Marjorie Hill reported that in the works carried out some park land has been encroached upon and fencing damaged. <b>It was agreed to invite the Planning Officer to our next meeting to give us an update.</b>	Pat Kingwell
<b>2.1.4</b>	<b>Land near Dilston Grove Gallery entrance</b> Alison Clayburn drew attention to the poor condition of the landscape below the trees in front of the gallery. <b>A report was requested for next meeting.</b>	Andy Chatterton
<b>3.</b>	<b>Sports Centre</b> Tim Clee, LBS Facilities Development Officer, reported that the Council has agreed to improve the centre and has allocated £370,000 from its Olympic Legacy Fund to be used as match funding to attract external monies. The project in mind is a scaled-down version of earlier proposals, and would consist of a new 6 lane athletics track; a new synthetic football pitch; an upgrading of the existing changing rooms; and a softening of the visual impact of the building on the rest of the park. The revised scheme will not go beyond the existing boundary of the centre.	

	<p>In response to various questions Tim confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding is being sought from The Mayor of London and the intention is to have all funding in place by December 2012</li> <li>• The aim is to begin works in early 2013 with a view to an 8 month works programme through the Council's framework contractor, Buxton</li> <li>• Fusion will continue to manage the centre, but maintenance will be a high priority</li> <li>• Charges will be affordable for local people and be modelled on the successful Bacon's College approach</li> <li>• Every effort will be made to ensure the athletics side of the operation is sustainable, and that a club will be developed, as will links with street athletics activities.</li> <li>• It is expected that revenue funding will be coming from UK Athletics and The Mayor of London</li> <li>• The land along Hawkstone Road, which is currently within the boundary of the centre. could be returned to the park for public use.</li> </ul> <p><b>People were pleased to know that some progress is being made on this much-needed project, and invited Tim, Fusion and Buxton to come to a future meeting.</b></p>	<p>Tim Clee</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Southwark Park Old Nursery Update</b>  A report back was given on a meeting with Des Waters and John Wade of Southwark Council. Regrettably no tenders had been received from environmental community groups to take on responsibility for the site. The Friends had called upon Parks to now take the lead on bringing the site back into public use. Des and John had agreed to meet with us again in late September to consider how this might be done.</p> <p><b>It was agreed that we organise a special meeting on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September to try to formulate a Friends view on the future of the site. Local residents to be invited.</b></p>	<p>Pat Kingwell</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Park Manager's Report – Andrea Pita reported on a range of issues:</b></p> <p><b><u>Southwark Park</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Bowling Green Maintenance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bullet point summary report has been produced by Rigby Taylor following the site meeting on 21/5 and copies have been given to QSL / Bowls Club representatives, for reference purposes. A number of recommendations have been made and the operations will be undertaken during the course of the playing season / closed season, in order to ensure continuous improvement to the playing surface.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Bowling Green – Artificial Rink</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rigby Taylor also examined the condition of the artificial rink and made some recommendations to rectify the current problem with moss, plus on-going maintenance. Also jet washing/brushing has taken place it has found to be unsuccessful. However an external contractor will be treating the surface this week with a hard surface biocide, in order to control the moss and algal growth.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Bowling Green – Pavilion Roof</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the recommendation from English Heritage to use zinc which can be coloured to match the appearance of the copper roof currently on the building and we are now awaiting quotations from three contractors.</li> </ul>	

#### Former Lido Fountain

- The remedial work has now been completed and we expect to start the landscape works sometime in the near future

#### Island Maintenance

- Trust for Urban Ecology have recently cleared some debris from various parts of the lake and they will return in the Autumn to complete outstanding works to the island beds.

#### Ada Salter Garden

- Work is currently in progress to restore the condition of the paving throughout the garden. A second quotation has yet to be obtained for the worst affected area towards the back of the garden.

#### Green Flag Award

- Judges visit the park on 15<sup>th</sup> June and they were very impressed with the overall condition of the park.

#### Trees

- Following concerns raised in the walkabout prior to the previous meeting, the Arboricultural Officer has provide some feedback to the Friends, including the condition of the Coronation Chestnut tree which is currently in fair condition. It has been strongly advised not to compromise its structure in anyway by removing the stumps that are actually part of the tree. Also by removing one section of the fencing it would greatly damage the tree as it is now surrounded by the tree and is included in the bark.

#### Playground Water Feature

- It appears there is still an electrical supply problem and this is being addressed with the contractor through our Repairs & Maintenance Section. There has been a strong emphasis placed to resolve this long outstanding issue as soon as possible, before the forthcoming school holiday period.

#### Lake Fountain

- Although the base of the fountain can still be seen, the contractor has returned and unblocked the filters around the perimeter of the base. The height of the jet water appears to be variable at different times of the day. We have yet to receive the original specification from the contractor.

#### St Mary's Church – Rotherhithe

- A member of the congregation has enquired if a banner similar to the size of the Bermondsey Carnival could be placed on the railings close to Rotherhithe roundabout, advertising a charity 'Olympics' BBQ event on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July to raise money for the restoration fund of the historic church building. The banner would be placed there during the 6 days prior to 21/6; we have given our approval of this.

#### **King's Stairs Gardens**

#### Lighting Issues

- The housing lamp column and broken feeder pillar issue in front of Cathy House has finally been resolved. The Senior Lighting Engineer has confirmed all of the works have now been completed and the old lamp column will be removed next week.

	<p><u>Proposal For New Columns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An exercise was undertaken a few years ago regarding usage of the site in relation to new lighting and we would welcome your input into where they should be located. A lighting plan produced in April 2009 has been provided for discussion purposes at the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>In the discussion:</b></p> <p>Marjorie Hill asked about the lack of planting on the carriageway drive during the Bermondsey Carnival. Andrea said it had been planned that way in order to avoid any damage, but an Olympic theme will be in place shortly.</p> <p>Amanda Squires asked that King's Stairs Gardens lighting be a standing agenda item until the problems have been resolved.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Planning Matters Update</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<b>386 Southwark Park Road former Social Club (Ref: 010-AP-3548)</b> Pat Kingwell reported that Alex Wyth of Alan Camp Architects indicated the works should be completed by summer 2013, but could possibly extend to December 2013.	
<b>6.2</b>	<b>122-124 Lower Road - (Ref: 04-AP-1160) or The Yellow House</b> Pat Kingwell reported that Dennis Sangweme (LBS) had visited the site and confirmed the unauthorised access to the park was not part of the 122-124 Lower Road development but rather the Yellow House. It was agreed to ask Parks if an agreement with the Yellow House over the gate had ever been made. .	Pat Kingwell
<b>6.3</b>	<b>The Lodge, Lower Road (Ref: 12-AP-1121)</b> Pat Kingwell reported an application has been made to demolish the lodge and build a holistic health centre and six flats. He had written to the applicant inviting them to a future meeting to brief us on the scheme.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>King's Stairs Gardens Issues</b> It was reported that the Jubilee event was a big success, with no damage to the park.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Bowling Club Update</b> Colin Smith and Jim Saunders thanked The Friends for support over the replacement roof. Although not recommended as a solution it was understood that LBS had decided to go with a zinc roof. Only time will tell if this is a good decision.  The moss on the artificial surface was dangerous and players had been advised not to use it until conditions improve. The club is concerned about liability should somebody slip and injure themselves.  As the issue of maintenance has proved so worrying it was agreed to ask for a meeting with Henry Thompson of Parks and Quadron's Senior management.	Pat Kingwell
<b>9.</b>	<b>Gallery Update</b> None given	
<b>10.</b>	<b>Finances</b> Marjorie Hill reported the organisation is in funds.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>11.1</b>	<b>Scout House</b> Gary Magold alerted us to the planned closure of Scout House in 2013, and that the current access into the park may need to be reviewed under any new development.	
<b>11.2</b>	<b>Friends Chairs</b> Gary Magold reported he had located the missing chairs and would arrange with Parks to have them relocated in the park.	Gary Magold Andy Chatterton
<b>11.3</b>	<b>Rotherhithe Festival</b> The Festival is to be held on Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July and a stall has been taken. Agreed to sell remaining copies of 'Our Park' book, with proceeds going to Friends and the Dr. Salter statue fund.	

<b>11.4</b>	<b>Parking at Main entrance</b> William Cameron drew attention to mini-cab car parking. Agreed if it became a problem to liaise with owners.	
<b>11.5</b>	<b>Tree Management Strategy</b> Andrea advised that a tree survey is due to be completed by July and that the findings will inform future strategy. Agreed the results of the survey be brought back to a future meeting.	Andrea Pita
<b>11.6</b>	<b>Up Market Community Charity Shop</b> Amanda circulated a flyer about the new shop at 48 Albion Street, which opens on 12 <sup>th</sup> July. Proceeds will go to four local churches. Donations welcomed.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>Dates of Future General Meetings</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2012 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 - <b>AGM</b> <b>At 6.00pm at The Park Office, near to the Cafe in Southwark Park</b>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>Date of Old Nursery Special Meeting</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> September – time to be confirmed	