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General Meeting
Wednesday 18th October 2017
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting of 20th September 2017**
- 3. Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 4. Park Manager's Report**
- 5. Key Projects Update – (attachment 2)**
- 6. Bowling Club Update**
- 7. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 8. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 9. King George's Field Issues**
- 10. Planning Matters Update - (attachment 3)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Dates of Future Meetings**
- 13. Closed Items**

Attachment 1

**Notes of Friends of Southwark Park
General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 20th September 2017**

Present: Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes; Cllr. Sunny Lambe; James Tierney; Denis McMillan; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); Nicola Cheetham (London Borough of Southwark); David Potter; Dave Fisher; Martin Kovats; Bosco Nyombi; Michael Kigundu; Colm Cronin; Kevin O’Sullivan; Sallie Rickerby; Stewart Morgan; Alison Clayburn; Marjorie Hill; Nick Lane; Tim Arkell; Malcolm Taylor; Pat Kingwell; Simon Kenward; Amanda Squires; Brigid Galloway.

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies for 20th September 2017 Gary Glover (Chairman) Sharon Bassey (Vice Chairman); Gary Magold (Treasurer); Andy Chatterton; Rose Ades; Cllr. Steph Lodge; Cllr John; Sheridan Dunn; Jill Jerram; Jill Gibbs; Colin Hartridge-Price; Barry Duckett	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 19th July 2017 The notes were agreed as a true record (included closed items agenda 13).	
3.00	Matters Arising	
3.01 Update	AGM; Additional information added to Annual Report for Southwark parkrun and Southwark Athletics club. See Appendix 1 for details in blue.	
3.02 Update	AGM; Additional September AGM items for ratification; Barry Duckett accepted as Chairperson and Janet Duckett as Committee Member. Also, Gary Glover emailed ‘I’m really sorry I won’t make tonight’s meeting, it’s been a great achievement what the friends have achieved over the last 21 years and a pleasure to have been involved. Please pass on my best wishes to the members and pass on my apologies for this evenings meeting. I will be still be a member and hope the friends go on from strength to strength.’ ‘	
3.03 Update	Key Projects Presentation and Updates See Appendix 5 Is there consideration for equipment for children with special needs in the new playground design? Could the water fountain be upgraded with mosaics? Is there still a Project Board meeting for regular updates?	Hemali Topiwala
3.04 Update	Firework Display Discussed in September Park Manager’s report & details have now been sent for FoSP review. See Appendix 2	
3.05 Update	Maydew House Development – Farrer Huxley Associates Landscape; no formal boundaries and Bede House to have 2.5 metre wall with windows along boundary. Timeframe to implement; 3-4 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates/materials match style in park e.g. Gomm Road gates & Dilston Grove entrance (130 years old) must be retained as now. Nicola has confirmed that planning permission does not include a new gate or pathway and has noted that FoSP are not happy with the proposed entrance presented by the developers. 24/8/17 Update from Elizabeth Flower A rendered plan and CGI view of the proposal can be downloaded via this link - https://we.tl/HM9GccDAAH 8/10/17 A member has been told that the developers are not going to upgrade the entrance and we have written to the architects for confirmation.	Pat Kingwell Nicola Cheetham Elizabeth Flower Haworth Tompkins Architects
3.06	Community Council Neighbourhood Fund 2018 application. See Appendix 3	
3.07	Cleaner Greener Safer Programme 2018 application See Appendix 4	

4.00	Park Manager's Report – September Meeting	
4.01	Southwark Park - Paradise Gate Drains A drainage survey of part of Southwark Park has been completed and one drain was unblocked.	Closed
4.02 Update	Dolphin Fountain This item has been reopened and Nicola and Amanda are working together on ideas for an opening ceremony to celebrate the artwork being tracked down and taken out of long term storage for park users to enjoy.	Open
4.03	Park furniture Some signs have been installed and others have been ordered. The Fields in Trust sign/plate has yet to be installed. Waiting in the office for FoSP to confirm locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwark Park – on mosaic wall of café, then wall of new café • King Stairs Gardens – wall of Church? A memorial seat has been requested close to the Dilston entrance (near the Bede centre) Seats have been requested near the tennis courts and some old bins need replacing – subject to funding Additional interpretation boards would be helpful – potential CGS bid	Open
4.04 Update	Volunteer works Andrew Robinson is Quadron idverde's volunteer co-ordinator and will attend a later FoSP meeting. <u>Volunteers and nature conservation</u> ; Sharon has been invited to a meeting about further volunteer works; there's plenty of scope for working in the nature area and lakes and islands Potential CGS bids could include a jetty for pond-dipping	Open
4.05	Everyone was concerned about the damage caused by the Ninja event but the reinstatement works have been successful.	Closed
4.06	Discussions continue regarding the use of the park by film units when not actually filming in the park - this is valuable income for the Council	Closed
4.07	Storage containers in the office compound have been made available to FoSP and sports clubs	Closed
4.08	Debra and Pat made the office reception look more inviting for visitors to come and browse the park literature.	Closed
4.09	Phil Jones has been commissioned to conduct an independent review of the cycle barriers at/near the Gomm Road entrance. Any recommendations could be implemented when the proposed Quietway is implemented on the carriageway	Closed
4.10	A useful meeting was held between FoSP reps and David White in the Sports team to discuss ideas for sports development	Closed
4.11	General Maintenance; Left hand side of Morton Gate has been broken Base of street lamps are corroded in the driveway and need attention Is there an update on the LED replacement lights for the driveway? Hedges and fences have been broken down by The Lodge	Open
4.12	King Stairs Gardens KGF footway repairs have been delayed. The contractor has been asked to re-quote to take account of further deterioration	
4.13	King George's Field Drains -Asset Management have found that he drains are much worse and need more work. Pathways	Nicola Cheetham

	Remedial work on pathways is agreed in the Capital works for 2018 and is being booked in and Nicola is to check that this is correct with the ordered works	
5.00 Update	Key Projects Update – Attachment 2 A table of key projects given as an attachment to the agenda. See attachment 2 for updates	Pat Kingwell
5.01 Update	Southwark Park New Café – Attachment 2	Pat Kingwell
5.02	Southwark Athletics Building - Attachment 2 Refurbishment of the Southwark Athletics Building: FoSP propose the Council organise a grand opening and suggestions for Open Day to be discussed. TBC	Gary Glover Pat Kingwell
5.03 Update	Children’s Play area - Attachment 2	Gary Glover Pat Kingwell
5.04	Scout Hut Redevelopment Colm Cronin and Kevin O’Sullivan from Mizen Group updated members on the plans to demolish the Scout Hut and replace with residential units – 6 storeys, 8 apartments, widen the pavement. Planning permission has been granted and will start in December 2017 and be completed Spring 2019. Mizen will consider sponsoring all year round hanging baskets. Boundary issues and how much park is to be used is to be discussed. Is there a tree consultant report? Mizen to supply a 24 hour contact.	Open
6.	Bowling Club Update	
7.	West Lane Memorial Garden Issues	
8.00	King’s Stairs Gardens Issues	
8.01 Update	Dead oak tree by Light 32 needs removing & Nicola is to follow up with Gary Meadowcroft to check if this has now been taken away.	Nicola Cheetham
8.02 Update	Pathways and Locks at St Peters Church Mick Hannon of St. Peter’s Church has enquired about progress on rectifying the dangerous path near the social club and also the provision of suitable locks for security. Regrettably an older person has fallen on the path recently. These matters were first raised with Andy Chatterton some time back, but remain unresolved. Nicola to update FoSP in September.	Nicola Cheetham
8.03 Update	Cathay Grass tree replacement What is the plan for the oak tree replacement on the Cathay grass? There is a new contract and will go in this winter.	Nicola Cheetham
8.04	Wild meadow This needs reseeding due to invasive plants. Could this be a community based project?	Nicola Cheetham
8.05	Interpretation Board KSG needs a board for visitor information and maps. Could this be part of the Neighbourhood fund or CGS applications?	Nicola Cheetham
8.06	Angel Pub walkways Cyclists use the pavements which is dangerous for pedestrians. Is there funds for a cycle consultant to investigate and advise on a solution?	Nicola Cheetham
8.07	Small Logs Agreement to reopen the issue of the small logs being used as steps to access back gardens. KSG would like them removed.	Nicola Cheetham
9.00	King George’s Field Issues –	

9.01	Drains This is not a quick repair and has to be quoted for. See item 4.13	
10.	Planning Matters Update – Attachment 3 A table of current planning applications attached to the agenda.	
11.	Any Other Business –	
12.	Dates of Future Meeting 2017 15 th November 2017, 17 th January 2017, 21 st February 2018, 21 st March 2017, 18 th April 2017, 16 th May 2017, 20 th June 2017, 18 th July 2017 Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.	
13.	Closed Items September Meeting	
13.01	Decathlon Sponsorship; Decathlon would like to put an Artengo/Decathlon Banner on the tennis pitches all year round in exchange for supporting the tennis day at the carnival and organising a boys’ tennis tournament. The Council will approach Decathlon to work with them on the new sports strategy.	Closed
13.02	St Georges Field Planting – Lynne has recommended Kerria shrubs and a seed mix of shade-tolerant herbaceous species.	Closed
13.03	Bowling Club Update; On 30 th July, the club will be holding the Barry Albin Trophy event for all London clubs.	Closed
13.04	Cleaner Greener Safer Award; Awarded £3,200 for; West Lane Memorial Information boards, King Georges Field Heraldic Panels & Bee Observation Hive Mesh. Interpretation boards at West Lane Memorial Gardens and King George’s Field installed 21/08/17. Many thanks to Emma Ellis	Closed
13.05	Artwork Muteesa II Michael and Bosco gave an overview of the proposed Muteesa project they are working on with the Southwark Council Art team. The Friends have agreed to support the arts department project celebrating the life of Muteesa II (the First President of Uganda) who lived in exile in 28, Orchard House by King George’s Field from 1966-69 -18 aye votes. Uganda Heritage Association will explore both blue plaques and designs for the memorial for presentation to the Council and stakeholders such as Canada Estate Association, Mayflower Tenants Association. Nicola is to send a blue plaque application form.	Closed

Attachment 2 - Key Projects Update – October 2017

	Project Description	Current Position
1	<p>Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements October 2014 we agreed that boundary improvements were needed.</p>	<p>The Maydew Project Team are designing a new park entrance & boundary planting. October 2017 - Is the gate being built?</p>
2	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre A major refurbishment scheme and additional works to include landscaping. As a second phase the changing rooms will be improved, including remodelling of the internal areas of the building.</p>	<p>The second phase building refurbishment planning application is taking longer than was expected. Southwark Athletics Building: October 2017 - Demolition of existing building. Start rebuilding end of 2018</p>
3 Update	<p>Southwark Park New Café In 2013 the Council's CGS Programme awarded FOSSP funds to develop a plan to improve the café, toilet and office provision. Capital funding £1,650m has been secured and following public consultation the intention is to proceed with a re-location of café and office near the lake.</p>	<p>To cut down on costs the building is lower, office windows have been removed and it will be built with blockwork and white brick and not concrete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor starts November 2017 • Works completed by May 2018 <p>20/08/17 FoSP have asked to review the final plans. October 2017 Start building 2018 and completed by Autumn.</p>
4	<p>Southwark Park Old Nursery In 2013 the Council's CGS Programme awarded FOSSP funds to develop a plan to bring the Old Nursery site back into park use. Capital funding £817,899 has been secured.</p>	<p>Kinnear Landscape Architects have developed a plan for the site. This is seven months behind schedule which is due to giant hogweed contamination. October 2017 To start after Autumn 2018</p>
5	<p>Southwark Park Current Café Building Once the new café is in place it was proposed to demolish the existing building</p>	<p>FOSSP asked that the design for the area ensures good boundary treatment with Gomm Road residences.</p>
6	<p>Children's Play Area The Council have identified Southwark Park playground as a priority for potential funding and investment - capital bid of £500,000 for this project.</p>	<p>At concept and consultation stage October 2017 To start January 2018 and completed by March.</p>

Attachment 3 - Planning Update – Current Cases

Reference	16/AP/3387
Application Received	Thu 18 Aug 2016
Address	SOUTHWARK PARK, GOMM ROAD, LONDON SE16 2EH
Proposal	The relocation of Park Offices, Cafe and Public Toilets in a single storey focal building with a triple building sited adjacent to the CGP gallery overlooking the Boating Lake, Oval and Playground.
Application Type	Council's Own Development – Reg 3
Applicant	Southwark Council
Status	Registered as valid application
Reference	15/AP/5049
Application Received	Thu 17 Dec 2015
Address	SOUTHWARK PARK SPORTS CENTRE, HAWKSTONE ROAD, LONDON, SE16 2PE
Proposal	Refurbishment of the existing athletics centre pavilion building
Application Type	Council's Own Development – Reg 3
Applicant	Southwark Council
Status	The application was approved by Planning Sub-

Appendix 1

The Friends of Southwark Park Annual Report 2016/2017

September 2016

Supported another successful Night Shine Walk with the start of the event at Southwark Park

Bowling club sessions with Age Concern are a successful event

Southwark Park Sports Centre Track surfacing and landscaping works completed

October 2016

Great Outdoor Gym Company serviced the equipment and confirmed it was fit for purpose (pardon the pun)

Published the Annual Report which was widely circulated - thanks to Debra Gosling for design and print management

Southwark parkrun arranged for the Royal National Institute of Blind People to provide a free guide-running workshop in the park.

November 2016

Supported the annual Fireworks display

Gary Glover laid a FoSP wreath at West Lane Memorial Garden on Remembrance Day

Gained a Veolia grant for bee suits

December 2016

Children's Play area design workshop held to gather ideas to make a fabulous area for children of all ages to enjoy

January 2017

Yumi sculpture on the lake island started to break up and had to be demolished as it was beyond repair. Regrettably agreed that FoSP did not have the resources or budget to keep the existing Old Café and accepted that it will have to be demolished.

London Athletics Club celebrated the opening of the Sports Centre running track.

Published and distributed The Bygone Friends of Southwark Park 1856-1914 booklet written by Pat Kingwell

February 2017

Maydew House development and FoSP involved in ongoing discussions on design of the gates leading into the Park to ensure the final design is in keeping with the history and design of the Park

Southwark Park bee pollen used by Horniman Museum for electron microscope photography

Royal Holloway University of London student filmed Southwark Park bees for research

March 2017

Gained Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council grant for summer activities programme

Willow tree by the lake found to have a split trunk and had to be removed

'Its our Park' film mentioned in East London Garden Society newsletter

April 2017

Pond training for volunteers to learn how to identify pond flora and fauna

Harold Mugford VC service held at West Lane Memorial Stone

Elite runners trained at Southwark Athletics Centre in the lead up to the London Marathon 2017; whilst David Weir CBE and Jo Pavey MBE visited to support Southwark's mini-marathon runners.

(<https://www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com/en-gb/news-media/latest-news/item/weir-and-pavey-inspire-mini-marathon-runners-at-southwark-track/>)

Southwark parkrun hosted their annual marathon-themed run, celebrating the park's history with the London Marathon and its proximity to the current route. (The first ever London Marathon route in 1981 went through the park!))

May 2017

Published and distributed Summer Activities programme

Bobby Abel Cricket Cup for primary schools won by St Joseph's Primary School.

Brownies use the skiff for a planting project

PB Race and Go Dad Run both held at Southwark Park

June 2017

Supported the Schools Athletics Day and awarded the Nellie Stockwell Cup to Pilgrims Way Primary School

Old Nurse is behind in development due to the contamination of the site with giant hogweed

Crystal Palace Band played at the bandstand

Organised a guided tour by Pat Kingwell of King Stair Gardens

Supported the Southwark Park Football Cup and awarded trophy to Southwark Park F.C.

Quadron idverde's organised for a volunteer group to do lake maintenance

July 2017

Organised guided tour of Ada Salter Garden led by Lynne Olding, Head Gardener

Bermondsey Carnival and FoSP contributed with the Bee Experience and games for the children. The tennis was another great success with a children's tournament as well as come & try participants – around 48 - family, siblings and spectators.

Installed the bee observation hive mesh funded by the Cleaner, Greener Safer award

Ran a stall at the Rotherhithe Festival

Elite athletes used Southwark Athletics Centre as a training venue prior to and over the IPC World Para Championships and IAAF World Athletics Championships hosted in London, including Australian sprinter Isis Holt who secured double gold.

(<https://www.southwarknews.co.uk/news/top-aussie-paralympians-set-home-bermondsey-train-southwark-park/>)

Southwark parkrun celebrated its 200th event with a picnic in the park and some outdoor games.

August 2017

Arranged for The Fabulous Honeys show on the bandstand and over 300 people enjoyed the music.

Installed West Lane Memorial Gardens and King George's Field Information boards

Published and distributed The Trees of Southwark Park booklet, written and designed by Debra Gosling

Raised concerns with Southwark Council about the use of Southwark Park as a base for commercial filming

Southwark parkrun arranged a collaboration with Parallel London to promote inclusivity in sport. We welcomed wheelchair users, visually impaired runners and a sign language translator was present for deaf or hard of hearing runners. (See <https://www.southwarknews.co.uk/news/southwark-parkrun-wants-people-hearing-difficulties-get-involved/>)

September 2017

Millwall Community Trust ran a disability athletics day within excess of 60 local people taking part, thanks to funding from the GLA Community Athletics Fund.

(<https://www.southwarknews.co.uk/news/millwall-community-trust-holds-disability-sports-day-bermondsey/>)

Everyone Active hosted a Celebration of a Summer of Athletics event for Southwark primary schools, with just under 400 children participating from 7 schools; again supported by the GLA Community Athletics Fund.

Appendix 2

Firework Display

With my health and safety advisor we have had a thorough review of the site and production schedules and looked at some of the issues brought up from last years. We have created a plan that has retained access to the majority of the activity that takes place in the south end of the park but has had to restrict some access too. With lots of infrastructure and pyrotechnics being brought into and being moved around the park I have to keep the safety of both park users and my team at the forefront of my mind. I believe that this new plan minimises disruption for a really great event that remains free for residents. Here are the details.

Generally the south end of the park will be closed to all park users from Friday 3rd November at 8am till Tuesday 7th November at 12pm.

Access will remain open for those using:

Children's playground

- CGP London (Café Gallery)
- One O'clock Club building (Rotherhithe Primary School)
- Running track
- Cafe

Some specifics:

There will be no access for pedestrians or vehicles via China Hall Gate and Dilston Grove Gate.

Hawkstone Road car park will remain be open except for Sunday 5th November. Access for pedestrians will be limited to a cordoned area between the car park and the One O'clock Club building. This can be used by dog walkers but there will be no access to the rest of the park.

There will be no general parking on Gomm Road carriageway with access only given to Blue Badge holders.

- There will no access to the running track from Saturday 4 November at 12pm till Monday 6 November at 2pm.
- There will be no access for the general public to Dilston Grove.

We have been working with some of the organisations impacted already and will have spoken to all of them by the end of the week. To ensure that park users know what is happening we will be placing advance warning notices around the park two weeks before pointing people to us if they have any questions.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks

Paul
Paul Cowell
Culture and Events Manager
Southwark Council

Appendix 3

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND 2018 - FOR DISCUSSION AT FOSP MEETING 18TH OCTOBER 2017

1. Background

The Neighbourhood Fund for 2018 is open for applications. The programme supports revenue activities and the closing date for applications is 23rd October 2017. Decisions will be announced at Community Council meetings in January 2018. Over recent years FOSP has successfully applied to the Fund to support our Summer Activities Programme. It is proposed to do so again.

2. Summer Activities 2018

Free of charge summer activities for the community and supporting publicity materials:

Music

2 x Sunday bandstand concerts – June and August

Bermondsey Carnival Traditional
Children's Games – July

Sports/Games

Bobby Abel Cricket Cup for Primary Schools - May
Southwark Park Football Cup for children – June
Primary Schools Athletics Festival - June
Bermondsey Carnival Tennis Day in Southwark Park for adults and children - July

Environment

Guided Tour of the Ada Salter Garden, Southwark Park by Head Gardener, Lynne Olding - July
Bat Walk - September

Publicity

Events programme flyers and posters.

3. Estimated Costs

Activity	Cost £
Music	
2 x Southwark Park Sunday Bandstand Concerts @ £800 each	1600
Sports and Games	
Bobby Abel Cricket Cup trophies, certificates and refreshments @ £250	250
Southwark Park Football Cup trophies, equipment and refreshments @ £250	250
Primary Schools Athletics Festival 'Nellie Stockwell Trophy' inscription	50
Bermondsey Carnival Tennis Day in Southwark Park - trophies, refreshments, equipment and organiser fees @ £1000	1000
Bermondsey Carnival Traditional Children's Games in Southwark Park - equipment, refreshments and organiser fees	600
Environment	
Guided Tour of Ada Salter Garden, Southwark Park	50
Marketing	
Events programme flyers and posters design and printing	1000
Insurances	300
Sub-Total	5100
Contingency @ 5%	255
TOTAL	5355

Pat Kingwell
2 October 2017

Appendix 4

CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER PROGRAMME 2018/19 - FOR DISCUSSION AT FOSP MEETING 18TH OCTOBER 2017

Background

The Cleaner, Greener, Safer Programme for 2018/19 is open for applications. The programme supports capital improvements and the closing date for applications is 23rd October 2017. Decisions will be announced at Community Council meetings in January-March 2018.

Proposed Schemes

On 18th April 2016 FOSP Executive agreed a priority list of improvement schemes for Southwark Park – see table below. Some of the projects have been achieved, while others are in the process of implementation. Some are large in scale and beyond the relatively limited scope of CGS funding.

Southwark Park Interpretation Boards

Over recent years a number of attractive and robust Browse Bion interpretation boards have been installed, providing information to users about their parks. It is proposed this year to further progress the schedule for Southwark Park by making an application to CGS for:

- The Oval
- Bowling Green
- Tennis Courts
- Lake

New Bandstand Event Folding Chairs

The chairs available for bandstand and other events has significantly reduced since their original purchase about fifteen years ago. We now have less than 30. As there are only a few park benches near the bandstand spectators are often forced to sit on the grass or stand. It is proposed to purchase 125 new plastic, folding chairs.

Estimated Costs

Scheme	£	Management Fee @ 20%	Total
Southwark Park Interpretation Boards x 4 @ £4,000 each	16000	3200	19200
Bandstand Chairs x 125 @ £15 each	1875	375	2250
			21450

Southwark Park Future Projects List

Scheme No	Brief Description
1	An outdoor table tennis table
2	Additional bat and bird boxes
3	Lake cleaning and tidying
4	New bandstand chairs
5	Picnic Tables
6	Nature area improvements including additional ponds
7	Upgrade the south-western boundary to achieve similar visual and horticultural quality as the other park boundaries
8	Upgrade the boundary with St. Joseph's Primary School to add horticultural interest
9	Additional seating
10	Additional general and dog waste bins
11	Additional outdoor fitness gym in north of the park and upgrading of existing one in the south
12	Carriageway lighting upgrade
13	Additional interpretation and information boards for The Oval; the Bowling Green; the former Lido; the Nature area; the Tennis Courts; the Lake and the Dilston and Moreton entrances
14	Upgrade children's playground and provision of inclusive equipment for children with special needs
15	Adventure play space for older children
16	Teenage shelters, north and south of the park
17	Heritage redesign of the main entrance in Southwark Park Road to bring in line with other entrances
18	Path and railings improvement programme
19	Lido

Pat Kingwell
2 October 2017

Appendix 5

Southwark Park Stakeholder Meeting Monday 9th October 2017 at 6pm – Southwark Park Office

Attendees

Councillor Barrie Hargrove – Cabinet Member for Parks, LBS
Hemali Topiwala – Project Manager, LBS
Nicola Cheetham – Contracts and Service Manager North Area, LBS
Andrea Pita – Contracts and Service Officer North Area, LBS
Sallie Rickerby – Secretary, FoSP
Majorie Hill – Member of FoSP
Sharon Basseby – Member of FoSP
Kelly Ansell - Deputy Head Teacher for Rotherhithe Primary School

Apologies

Councillor Stephanie Cryan – Ward councillor for Rotherhithe
Judith Carlton – CGP Gallery Director

1. Introductions

Councillor Hargrove welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made amongst the attendees. Hemali provided an overview of the agenda for the evening.

Kelly stated she was interested to hear about the plans for the park as Rotherhithe Primary School are building an outdoor nature classroom for the children and did not want any duplications with the park.

2. Update on Southwark Park projects

Southwark Park Masterplan Hemali explained that the project for the new café and office building is currently in the pre construction phase with the contractors. The contractors and the architects are working to finalise the finer details of the scheme and we will be in a position to commence the works on site in the New Year.

The nursery works will commence upon completion of the new café building to ensure there is no downtime for the park office or the café. Once the building is completed there will be a period of approximately 1 month where the move of the café and office can take place, following this demolition can commence. These works are likely to start in Winter 2018.

Southwark Athletics Centre The athletics track is proving popular and is regularly used during the week by the athletics club.

An update regarding the athletics centre was sent to all stakeholders earlier in the year. The foundations and the structural integrity of the current building would require a lot of work before any refurbishment could take place, as such the council reviewed the options presented by the consultants and reached a decision to demolish the existing centre and build a new athletics centre in the same location.

Hemali confirmed that the centre will not be larger than it currently it is and it will accommodate many of the same facilities. A new planning application will be submitted for this in Spring 2018 with a view to works starting on site in Autumn 2018.

Kelly queried how schools can get involved with using the track, Hemali is to query this with the sports team and provide a response. Action Hemali

3. Top Quality Play design

All attendees were provided with handouts of the consultation plans for Southwark Park Playground which included an overview of the current playground, a design of the new scheme with a key and a mood board featuring samples of the materials and play equipment.

A discussion took place around the design and all attendees were pleased with the new scheme and what it had to offer. They particularly liked the new steps up to the slide and thought this would encourage climbing amongst the children.

Hemali explained the woodland area would be thinned out and features such as logs will be installed to encourage natural play.

Hemali confirmed that all internal railings will be removed but the boundary railings are to be retained. The hedging will be reduced in height and thinned out to increase visibility into the playground.

Hemali confirmed that all surfacing surrounding the play equipment would be safety surfacing.

A request was made that graphics were painted onto the paths to encourage play e.g. hopscotch. Noted

An issue was raised regarding drainage of the current water feature and to ensure that a larger water feature had the capacity for drainage. With the current splash pad the water runs into the hedges and causes ponding in areas. Noted

All attendees were encouraged to complete the survey and feedback any other thoughts they may have regarding the scheme.

Hemali stated that the old lido fountain does not fit within this scheme as the budget for the playground cannot cover refurbishment of the fountain. However, the parks team recognises that work is required to the fountain and has made a request to FOSP to submit a CGS application for this.

4. Key dates Tuesday 10th October until Sunday 29th October 2017

Playground consultation is live - the plans are available to view online at www.southwark.gov.uk/southwarkparkplay

Wednesday 18th October 3pm-6pm

A drop in session in the park by the play area where there will be an opportunity to view the plans and complete the survey. Hemali and the landscape architects will be in attendance to answer any queries.

Wednesday 18th October at 6pm

Hemali will be attending the start of the Friends of Southwark Park meeting to provide an update on the projects in Southwark Park and discuss the playground plans.

5. Next steps

The consultation results will be reviewed in November and the scheme will be finalised by the Landscape Architects during this time. We are aiming to start works on site in the New Year with a view to completing the scheme in March 2018.