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**General Meeting
Wednesday 17th February 2016
6.00pm at the Park Office, Southwark Park**

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Notes of General Meeting 20th January 2016 and Matters Arising (attachment 1)**
- 3. Park Manager's Report**
- 4. Cleaner, Greener Safer Programme 2016/17 Update**
- 5. The Mayor of London's 'Find Your London Festival' March 2016**
- 6. Canada Water Master Plan Mini Exhibitions**
- 7. 20th Anniversary Programme Update**
- 8. Key Projects Update – (attachment 3)**
- 9. King George's Field Issues**
- 10. Bowling Club Issues**
- 11. West Lane Memorial Garden Issues**
- 12. King's Stairs Gardens Issues**
- 13. Planning Matters Update**
- 14. Any Other Business**
- 15. Dates of Future Meetings**

Attachment 1

Notes of the General Meeting Wednesday 20th January 2016 6.00pm at the Park Office

Present: Sharon Basse; Andy Chatterton; Alison Clayburn; Cllr. Stephanie Cryan; Jean Cunliffe; Dave Fisher; Jill Gibbs; Gary Glover (chair); Colin Hartridge-Price; Marjorie Hill; Geoff Juden (East London Garden Society); Simon Kenward; Pat Kingwell; Denis McMillan; Andrea Pita (London Borough of Southwark); David Potter; Sallie Rickerby; Tom ? (East London Garden Society); Tracy Scales; Sue Sexton; Colin Smith; Amanda Squires; Cllr. Bill Williams and George Witsey.

	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Neil Coyle, M.P.; Judith Deschamps; Barry and Jan Duckett; Jennifer Fitzgerald; Gary Magold; Niky Rathbone; Graham Taylor and Cllr. Kath Whittam	
2.	Notes of General Meeting of 18th November 2015 The notes were agreed as a true record.	
2.1	Matters Arising	
2.1.1	Rotherhithe Family Centre Fencing/Screening Andy Chatterton reported that there is some uncertainty of how to take this forward as the bamboo type fencing is widely used by schools. The area behind the railings is generally hard surface, so it would not be possible to plant mature shrubs as previously suggested. Further thoughts needed.	Andy Chatterton
2.1.2	Fireworks Display After a discussion on the ticketing policy, lower than usual attendance and traffic management it was agreed to ask John Benton of Events for some more formal feedback on the event.	Pat Kingwell
2.1.3	Bermondsey Care for the Elderly Christmas Events Cllr. Cryan and Gary Glover reported back on the successful events and thanked all who attended and supported.	
2.1.4	King's Stairs Gardens – 14 King's Stairs Close Unauthorised Access Andy Chatterton reported there remains some uncertainty as to whether or not the access point was granted when the planning application to extend the building was approved. The planting of Pyracantha has not solved the problem. A more permanent resolution is needed.	Andy Chatterton
3.	The London Flower Show 2017 - Geoff Juden (East London Garden Society) Geoff indicated he had discussed with Cllr. Barry Hargrove the idea of staging a major 'green' event in Southwark Park. This would involve use of space within the park for a month in September 2017 for an exhibition and would bring a range of environmental and financial benefits. He thought about 40,000 people would attend. At this stage the East London Garden Society was gaining our initial views and if positive then a more detailed event application would be made to Southwark Council. Geoff said he would like The Friends to be part of the project team. In the discussion reference was made to the tradition of floral shows in the park; the involvement of local schools and societies; the implications for traffic management and impact on nearby streets; avoiding a clash with the 'Shine	

	Night Walk'; and the length of the event. More detail is clearly required but in principle the meeting welcomed the idea of the event and thanked Geoff and Tom for attending.	
4.	<p>'Naija in the Park' Event Consultation</p> <p>A revised application for the Nigerian cultural event had been submitted. The change over charging for admission was welcomed. Some other points were raised which Events should look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • given the Nigerian demographic in Southwark and neighbouring boroughs 1000 would seem to be a considerable underestimate of potential attendance, so appropriate crowd management, security and support facilities need reviewing • the experience of the applicant to be considered • with free access will there be a ticketing system? • end time should not be as late as 10pm, but in line with the Bermondsey Carnival timeframe of 8pm <p>Anne Whyte to be advised of our discussion.</p>	Pat Kingwell
5.	<p>The Mayor of London's 'Find Your London Festival' March 2016</p> <p>An application was submitted to take part in the Mayor's festival on 20th March, 'Music of London and Londoners', consisting of a bandstand show and dancing. Subsequent to the meeting a decision was made by the Festival organisers to offer us funds, albeit less than requested.</p>	
6.	<p>Park Manager's Report</p> <p>Andy Chatterton reported:</p>	
6.1	<p>Southwark Park – Carriageway Drains</p> <p>FM Conway will be cleaning the drains on Thursday 28th January and the traffic gates will be closed all day to allow for the works to be undertaken. Notices have been placed along the carriageway advising park users in advance of this operation. It was pointed out that drainage by the Paradise Gate has been very bad and Andy agreed to investigate.</p>	Andy Chatterton
6.2	<p>Southwark Park - Main Carriageway Lamp Columns & Pathways</p> <p>The Asset Management Lighting Engineer has advised the lighting in Southwark Park is not on their planned program for upgrades this year and they would have to assess the existing installations and carry out an extensive survey of the park in order to determine what the best solution would be. In the discussion it was requested that as the suggestion was simply about changing the colour of the light bulbs, could Andy revisit the issue.</p>	Andy Chatterton
6.3	<p>Southwark Park - Car Parking Review</p> <p>The Parking Projects Senior Engineer has advised that the Cabinet Member approved a four hour maximum stay period in the Southwark Park car parking areas. Therefore arrangements can be made to introduce the parking regulations and the provisional timescales and next steps are:</p> <p>February 2016 – Statutory consultation to enable them to regulate and enforce the parking (this is the formal consultation and offers the opportunity for anyone to object to the proposal)</p> <p>April 2016 – parking regulation to go live, (installation of road markings and signage), subject to the outcome of statutory consultation. Should they receive objections these will need to be determined by the Cabinet Member.</p>	Andy Chatterton
6.4	<p>King George's Field Drainage</p> <p>The Asset Management – Small Works Team have been asked to visit the site as soon as possible to ascertain if the drains can be cleaned by them or whether the work will need to be undertaken by FM Conway.</p>	Andy Chatterton

7.	20th Anniversary Summer Activities Programme Update A bid has been made to the Neighbourhood Fund for our programme, ‘It Was Twenty Years Ago Today’, consisting of 20 different activities, including concerts, walks, tours, bee events, bat walk,, tennis day, cricket matches and creative writing. If successful it was agreed to convene a working group to progress.	Pat Kingwell
8.	Key Projects Update A table of key projects was given as an attachment to the agenda.	
8.1	Southwark Park South Western Boundary Improvements A request had been made to Winston McLeod for an update on the Maydew House project, but had yet to be received.	Andy Chatterton Pat Kingwell
8.2	Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment Works have been progressing there is worrying evidence of water ‘pooling’ on the new track. Questions also raised about the run-ups to the jumping events and the steeplechase pit. It was also mentioned that Tim Clee is leaving Southwark Council so we need to confirm our main contact for the future.	Pat Kingwell
8.3	Southwark Park Old Nursery/New Café and Offices Thanks were given to all those who came to the consultation event before Christmas. Given the very small response by the Stakeholder Group a day later it was agreed to suggest the consultation be merged to make things more efficient. It was reported that Kinnear Landscape Architects have been appointed to carry out the Old Nursery elements of the scheme.	Pat Kingwell
8.4	Southwark Park Relocation of ‘Family of Dolphins’ Sculpture Much appreciation for the installation of the sculpture and looking forward to the water feature. It was agreed to ask about unveiling ceremony and possibility of linking to ‘Find Your London’ Festival – see 5 above.	Pat Kingwell
8.5	Tennis Courts Some unofficial early morning play has been disturbing some nearby residents. Andy to check gate locking arrangements.	Andy Chatterton
8.6	Southwark Park Bandstand Refurbishment Thanks given to Councillors and Officers for successful completion of scheme.	
9.	King George’s Field Issues None.	
10.	Bowling Club Update None.	
11.	West Lane Memorial Gardens Issues None	
12.	King’s Stairs Gardens Issues There has been quad bike and motor scooter riding from dusk onwards which has caused damage and disturbance. It was advised contact be made with the Community Wardens. Subsequent to the meeting Cllr. Williams informed Ruth Backhurst, Head of the north JET (Joint Enforcement Team), who confirmed that wardens will be looking at the issue over the coming weeks.	
13.	Planning Matters Update - Scout House Recent publicity in the press and on the web shows a design where the building overlaps Southwark Park and also suggests an entrance into the park. Cllr Cryan confirmed that the scheme had yet to be given approval and that an entrance is out of the question.	
14.	Any Other Business	
14.1	Black Millwall Project Ole Jensen (Centre on Migration, Policy and Society) University of Oxford requested that we act as a heritage partner in an application being made to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project will look at the role of Millwall F.C. in a	

	changing community and will involve interviews with black Millwall fans and work with young people resulting in a theatre performance. It was agreed to be a heritage partner.	
14.2	Benches near The Angel Pub Sue Sexton raised the matter of benches and Andy agreed to investigate.	Andy Chatterton
14.3	Cherry Garden Pier Sue Sexton reported drones being used dangerously from the pier. Responsibility of Port of London Authority.	
14.4	Bermondsey Carnival 2016 Andrea Pita advised that subject to budget approval it will take place on Saturday 2 July.	
14.5	'I Live in SE16 Sports Festival' Colin Smith and Dennis MacMillan reported they had attended the meeting but the 2016 event has been postponed until 2017.	
14.6	Carter's Steam Fair Events have asked our view on a fair in April. It was agreed to support it as a trial and to ask Miranda Clarke if Carter might be willing to contribute towards the costs of a bandstand show on the day.	Pat Kingwell
14.7	Southwark Park Lake Trees Margie asked if the trees on the islands have been assessed by the Tree Service team. Andy to check.	Andy Chatterton
14.8	Southwark Park Lake Metal Posts Andy to check.	Andy Chatterton
14.9	Southwark Park Boats Andy to advise if the service will be running this year.	Andy Chatterton
14.10	Graham Taylor's Book Graham's book, <i>Ada Salter: Pioneer of Ethical Socialism</i> , has recently been published and is available from Lawrence and Wishart https://www.lwbooks.co.uk/book/ada-salter or on Amazon. Congratulations to Graham.	
14.11	Ada Salter Play <i>Red Flag Over Bermondsey</i> , a one-woman show, will be performed at Sands Films Studio on Friday 12 th February at 8pm. Free admission, donation requested. http://www.sandsfilms.co.uk/cinema-club-and-events.html	
15.	Dates of Future Meetings 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th February 2016 • 16th March 2016 • 20th April 2016 • 18th May 2016 • 15th June 2016 • 20th July 2016 <p>All Wednesdays 6.00pm at The Park Office unless otherwise notified.</p>	

Attachment 2 - Key Projects Update – February 2016

	Project Description	Current Position
1	<p>Southwark Park south-western boundary improvements In October 2014 we agreed that improvements to the boundary were needed. We asked if the Maydew House redevelopment scheme might provide a solution.</p>	<p>The issue remains of how to improve the south-western boundary.</p>
2	<p>Southwark Park Sports Centre Refurbishment A major refurbishment scheme including reconstruction and layout changes of synthetic athletics track, conversion of synthetic turf football/hockey pitch to natural grass, installation of a hammer and discuss cage and the relocation and installation of the following athletic facilities: shot putt circle pole vault runway long/triple jump runway and pit high jump fan and javelin runway Additional works include landscaping to facilitate the these changes and the movement north of the fence at the southern boundary. As a second phase the changing rooms will be improved. Blakedown Group contractors were appointed to implement the scheme.</p>	<p>The phase 1 project is now nearing completion. The new track surface has been laid, and all field event facilities are in place. The central grass pitch and surrounding areas have some minor works outstanding which will be completed early 2016. For the second phase building refurbishment Faithful and Gould have been appointed Project Managers. Planned works include the remodelling of the internal areas of the building to support the delivery of athletics track and field activities. Structural investigations have been carried out and the planning application is now live. The building alterations are expected to be completed late summer 2016.</p>
3	<p>Southwark Park Old Nursery Master Plan In 2013 the Council’s CGS Programme awarded FOSP £20k to develop a plan to bring the Old Nursery site back into park use and to also improve the café, toilet and office provision. Capital funding £2.468m has been secured and following public consultation the intention is to proceed with a re-location of café and office near the children’s playground.</p>	<p>Bell Phillips Architecture have been appointed as building architects and Kinnear as landscape architects. Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second phase design consultation completed by March 2016 • Planning approval by May 2016 • Contractor procured by October 2016 • Works completed by February 2017
4	<p>Southwark Park Relocation of ‘Family of Dolphins’ Sculpture David Backhouse’s work was gifted to the Council by Tesco. It was agreed to relocate to Southwark Park lake. The planning application was approved on 12th May 2015.</p>	<p>F.M. Conway contractors have been appointed to implement the scheme. Kasco Fountaineers have installed the sculpture on an aluminium sub-structure. The water flume has been installed but requires further adjustment. A formal unveiling is to be arranged.</p>