

Bishopton Playground Association

Minutes of Bishopton Playground Association (BPA) General Meeting

Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 7:00pm

Meeting held via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions

Present: S Pilkington, N Melaney, L Foggett, J Robins, K Coupland, S Harker

1 Apologies

S Elliot, L Guest

2 Minutes from the previous meeting – 5th May 2021

Accepted. Minutes will be uploaded to the Parish Council Website following approval.

3 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Nothing to declare

4 Matters Arising (not otherwise on the agenda)

Nothing to report

5 Financial Report

Nothing to add, however LF confirmed that audit is not necessary as this is a voluntary organisation.

6 Update from Bishopton Parish Council (L Foggett/N Melaney)

Nothing to add this month.

7 Playground Progress

7.1 The installation of the recently purchased equipment is now complete, has passed the ROSPA inspection and is now in use. NM to submit invoices and proof of installation to Banks to release the agreed funding.

7.2 The wavy slide on the toddler climbing tower may be swapped for a straight one on ROSPA recommendations.

7.3 Raised Beds are now all planted up with donations from villagers, with thanks to Linda and Rachel Guest for helping with the planting.

8 Funding Applications

8.1 NM confirmed a number of donations/pledges have been made towards via the Calor Gas community fund already. NM to share the link now that the page is live, with a minimum target set as £10,000 which can be stretched beyond that. Calor have also recommended some further possible fundraising sources. Aside from donations there is a points-based competition for a pot of money based on the reach of the crowd fund page.

8.2 SP has applied to Arnold Clark, however this will be draw with the winner to be announced.

8.3 NM advised that applications are open for grant funding from Banks again; this could be used towards the purchase and installation of a wooden gazebo to provide shelter, with fundraising efforts to make up the total required.

9 Fundraising & Publicity

9.1 Wooden Shape Scheme

SE has approached companies advertising in the Parish News. There is positive interest however feedback has been that they require clarification on how company details will be displayed. NM has advised that he has received quotations for engraved Traffolyte plaques in various sizes which can be produced in small batches, and will obtain samples of these.

SP has obtained some wood kindly donated by Stockton Windows and has begun the process of cutting shapes.

9.2 Treasure Hunt Fun Day and Fundraiser

Leaflets advertising the Treasure Hunt culminating in an event on 26th June were distributed around the village on 9th June. Thanks to Linda and Rachel Guest for organizing printing. All proceeds after costs are covered will go towards fundraising for playground equipment.

SP has planned a way for games to be played in a covid-19 secure way; the event is out-of-doors and hand sanitiser will be provided. A general risk assessment is required, and the event will be covered via Bishopton Parish Council's indemnity insurance. Volunteers will also be required to facilitate games and sell wooden shapes on the day.

The WI have indicated that they will assist with the event in respect of a cake stall.

A proposed opening ceremony forming part of this event had previously been discussed. NM stated that this would take place at a later date, and once all planned equipment is installed.

Should Covid-19 restrictions not be lifted before the event takes place, the public event element will need to be cancelled due to the current restriction on numbers. The government position on this should be clear by 14th June. It was agreed that in this circumstance, the games and cake stall would be cancelled however the treasure hunt can still take place around the village.

10 Donations & Acknowledgements

None

11 Any other Business

None

12 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 7th July at 7.00pm; if the village hall can be booked free of charge it will be in the main hall, otherwise meetings will continue to be held via Zoom.

Signed: Chairperson: *SPilkington*

Date: 7th July 2021