

Mike Heckford	FoPP	Tony Unsworth	Mini Golf
Pat Lincoln	FoPP	Chris Bullen	Miniature Railway
Michael Collins	FoPP	Kris Hall	Road Train
Naomi Preston	Poole Park User Group	Alan Cooper	Wessex orienteering club
Rachael Pountney	South Coast Caterers	Ros Spencer	Poole Wheelers
AJ / Pip Woods	Rockley Watersports	Mike Towner	Poole Runners
Roy Cane/Pete Wiles	Poole Model Yacht club	Gemma Genco	B&PCFE
Brett Townsend	Tennis	Felicity Rice/K Salter	Transition towns
Phil Baker	Poole Park Bowls club	Gail Percival	PHP
Angela Mansbridge	Chestnut Nursery	Sandra Wilson	PHP
Nick Williams	Poole Town cricket club	Chris Flynn	Poole CVS
Ruth Crook	Club 21	Gemma Wilton/ Chris Dear	BoP Rec & Devt
Richard Jeffrey	Zoofish Arts		
Nigel Bridle	Continental Landscapes	Mike Cure/D Storey	Park Run
M Randall/K Bearcroft	Parkstone Bay Assoc.	Hazel Clifton	BiPolar UK
B Plumbridge/V Ingram	PP Heritage group	Barry Thomas	W. Hampshire modellers
Parkstone Ward: Cllrs Stribley, Williams, Challinor		Poole Town: Cllrs Garner-Watts, Hadley, Howell	

Poole Park Forum
Tuesday 13th Dec 2016, 4.15pm – 6pm.
Committee Suite, Civic centre.

The purpose of the Forum is to share information, learn from each others' experiences and work together to make Poole Park better.

Minutes: Actions in bold.

1. Round the table – what's happening with you?
 KB – questioned why Poole park was not included in car parking charges review and if it is likely that there will be charging in the future. Discussion followed and MW explained that when the charging review was implemented legal advice suggested Poole Park could be managed as a Charitable Trust and this would prevent the council from charging. Legal opinion has been sought through 2016 and the Council has determined it does not need to form a trust to manage Poole Park. So far as we are aware there is no intention to impose parking charges in Poole Park.
2. Update on the Poole Park Life project:
 - a. Cabinet papers and approvals –
 Road closure – Following the trial Cabinet approval was sought, ultimately members decided not to take up the recommendations. Discussion on the road closure and the pros and cons followed, including citing examples of successful schemes elsewhere (Hyde Park).
 Council approving the bid – official sign off required from members and to satisfy Financial Regs. Also request for additional for match funding from capital reserves. The [Report](#) goes to Full Council 20th dec.

Concessions updates were discussed:
 BP questioned future use of the cricket pavilion. Strong representation from all stakeholders that community use of the building should be retained, even if leased out to the club. Rates should be appropriate for the type of use, to allow the cricket

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club to bring in some income, but not too expensive to be prohibitive for charities, community groups etc.

AH referenced HLF terms of Grant that state public access to 'the property' shall be retained, the property in this sense relates to all of Poole Park.

PB referenced costs to the club of maintaining the building

MW to request a copy of heads of terms and understand the nature of future pavilion use, charges etc and feedback to the Jan 19th meeting.

East Gate Lodge was then discussed in a similar way. The lodge was vacated by its principle tenant in Spet. ECPS to assess future use and consider community needs and raising an income for the building.

b. What's in the bid?

19th Jan meeting to be used as a session to review what goes in to the bid: designs, plans and strategies, programme of works in the delivery phase and so on.

All of the designs proposals from the public consultations are on the project website. Please take a look at the different themes for the range of proposals.

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ALL – please email any specific subjects or queries you have in advance for this review.

RP – would like to understand what Poole Park looks like through the duration of the works

KB – why do the trees along the entrance from Seldown need removing?

KB – Copse close scheme

c. Managing Poole Park MMP,

Discussion on future maintenance, costs to BoP of managing the park and how these are met in the future, especially with the local Government review taking place and decreasing budgets.

Bournemouth's park foundation discussed alongside the notion of a trust in Poole Park.

TP commented that the Bth model has had limited successes and only pays for items above standard maintenance carried out by the council.

MW outlined the wording in the cabinet report and the BoP commitment through retaining green flag status for 10 years after project completion.

MH requested an opportunity for FoPP to review the Management and maintenance plan and conservation plan.

MW to circulate in advance of the next meeting.

d. Lagoon and lakes supplier engagement

A period of supplier engagement is underway to seek solutions to some of the problems in the lake and lagoon:

Dredging and creating new islands/features and improving the existing features

Improvements to freshwater lakes, new edge treatment and surfacing, public engagement opportunities etc.

KB asked about the temporary bridge over the sluice channel. This is in the bid for complete replacement, new railings; rebuild the brick piers, information points etc.

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BP asked about future maintenance of the islands, general sustainability and longevity of infrastructure.

All new works within the bid are aimed at reducing maintenance, use of high quality materials and looking at longevity.

e. Activity planning, volunteering sessions etc

TP ran through items that are likely to be included in the Delivery phase activity plan, this is the document that identifies how we work with local communities etc in the delivery phase and beyond.

Examples: Schools and wildlife linked work, eg tree planting; Project digital archive using our library catalogue; Information kiosk being open more and including heritage displays; Garden vols, training use of the Tesco Grant £8,000 we will use in 2017; Only rain down the drain project investigating the surface water catchment; Activities and events; wildlife engagement, such as web cams and feeding stations; signage and interpretation.

ALL:

Please see draft ideas attached.

Please get in touch with Toni if you have ideas of how you could get involved in the Activity plan.

f. February deadline for submitting the bid – work remaining and what happens next, programme of work

RP queried water play options in new play parks. The potential they have for increasing footfall, increasing secondary spend and how high profile they can be. Discussion on pay to play within parks.

AH gave example of Brewers square they have water play in the summer and build over it in the winter with an ice rink, add extra value.

MW outlined high capital and maintenance costs so not part of current proposals but would welcome discussions. Play has a budget against it rather than specific costs, so the brief can be altered.

g. 2017 events

Poole maritime festival, European maritime Day is thurs 18 May, week of activities, events and conferences. Large marquee in Poole Pk from 15 May, w/end 20 May food festival managed by 3rd party.

3. AOB and networking

No further business, thanks to everyone for their time and have a great festive period;

**Kind Regards
Martin & Toni**

**Next meeting 19th Jan 2017, 3pm – 5.30pm Civic centre Cattistock room.
Open session to look in detail at what goes in to the HLF bid.**

Social Media links to the project:

There are numerous **Facebook pages** relating to Poole Park:

- our own [Poole Projects](#) and [Public engagement with science](#) pages
- [The Friends of Poole Park](#)
- [Poole Park User Group](#) Twitter: [@pooleparklife](#)

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