



Invite list, attendance in bold:

Mike Heckford/ Michael Collins /Pat Lincoln/ Graham Sutton: FoPP		Eunice Marsden/ Val Ingram/BabsPlumbridge	PP Heritage group
Naomi Preston/ Laurie Croad	Poole Park User Group	Alan Cooper	Wessex orienteering club
Rachael Pountney	South Coast Caterers	Ros Spencer	Poole Wheelers
AJ Windsor /Pip Woods	Rockley Watersports	Mike Towner	Poole Runners
Roy Cane/Pete Wiles	Poole Model Yacht club	Gemma Genco	B&PCFE
Phil Baker	Poole Park Bowls club	Gail Percival/S Wilson	PHP
Angela Mansbridge	Chestnut Nursery	Hazel Clifton	BiPolar UK
Nick Williams/Jo Pilley	Poole Town cricket club	Chris Dear	BoP Rec & Devt
	Club 21	Mike Cure/Diane Storey	Park Run
Richard Jeffrey	Zoofish Arts	Felicity Rice/Kate Salter	Transition Poole
Mike Randall/ Ken Bearcroft	Parkstone Bay Assoc.	Barry Thomas	W. Hampshire modellers
Tony Unsworth	Mini Golf		
Cllr J Rampton	Portfolio Holder		
Parkstone Ward: Cllrs Stribley, Williams, Challinor		Poole Town Ward: Cllrs Garner-Watts, Howell, Hadley	

Poole Park Forum
Thursday 25th May, 4pm – 5.30pm.
Council Chamber, Civic centre.

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

Agenda:

Apologies: Cllrs Howell & Challinor; Toni Powell, Naomi Preston, Eunice Marsden, Jill Norman

1. Round the table – what's happening with you?

Rachael Pountney leaving South Coast Caterers

Ken Bearcroft: raised queries on the public's ability to make representation to the HLF – MW said that the HLF do not normally meet the public, if there are any 'issues' within the bid the HLF put the onus on BoP to resolve them and they don't generally want to get involved;

Lack of understanding/awareness on the number of trees to be removed. MW offered to discuss this in more detail after the meeting or at another time;

Will the council be closing the toilets in Poole Park? MW said no, there are no plans to close the public toilets in Poole Park.

Val Ingram: Queried detail in the Activity Plan about the level of involvement with Poole U3A, of which Val is chair. Toni to respond individually.

Laurie Croad: requested costs breakdown for the project. MW attached with e-mail and these minutes, as part of the works programme.

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Phil Baker: Short notice closure on maritime festival weekend, general lack of notice was unhelpful.

AJ: Rockley did not know either. Lake flushes are working well, although may need to look at additional top-ups.

2. Poole Park Miniature Railway, update from The Friends of Poole Park.

Michael Collins:

Provided overview of the FoPP railway tender and vision for its future, all profits to be returned to Poole Park, gave thanks to BoP for awarding them the tender, currently in heads of terms discussion for a 30 year lease. All income to FoPP and reinvestment in years 0-8, e.g. engine shed, station and track.

Opportunities to work with all Poole Park stakeholders and consider how best to operate in the future.

Graham Sutton: track assessments are on-going and there was a huge uncertainty in the tender process owing to unknown condition of the track. They have had help from Swanage Railway and a track inspection is imminent.

MC: membership increased and new committee members, improved voluntary offer with marketing material.

3. Updates from Poole Park Life

a. Planning Applications.

Content of applications discussed – Copse Close car park extension has been removed on advice from Planning and Transportation colleagues.

Concerns expressed over lack of parking spaces, MW said there is still no net loss of parking in the proposals.

b. Heritage Lottery Fund bid

c. Programme of proposed works

Programme discussed in brief, pdf version attached.

HLF decision should be made end of June, 2 weeks of press embargo is likely, so a mid-July public notification, followed by a celebration in August.

Planning application is hoped to go to committee on June 15th.

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4. AOB

Babs Plumbridge: Cricket Club lease update, MW: discussions on-going but the agreement is that the cricket club will offer community use of the building.

MW/Toni working on plans to improve and offer wider use of East Gate Lodge, to hold an **Open Afternoon on Tues 4th July**. MW said there is a need to improve the income from the building to help fund maintenance and to make greater use of the building as a community asset.

The open day will be used to advertise and promote the Lodge, with a leaflet detailing the scale of rents, availability, booking processes and so on. If any stakeholders are interested or are able to send details out to their contacts we would be grateful for your help.

Travellers accessing Copse Close was discussed.

The Baiter Park side of the sluice channel was discussed

Phil Barker commented on the evening use of the Putting green and related anti-social behaviour etc

MW: there will be opportunities within the project for sponsorship, in the first instance in the Quiet garden for planters/benches, and later for trees.

TP working with a volunteer on a community arts exhibition in August, featuring art/painting competitions in different categories, displays, use of a marquee etc – volunteers and support/ideas welcome

Quiet Garden update – a mixture of volunteers and contractors working on the space, there will be a path closure between the two lakes for a few weeks from 5th June.

Thank you for the productive meeting, **Next meeting is Thurs 20th July, 4pm, Cattistock Room, Civic Centre.**

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