

Poole Park Forum

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

Minutes: Wednesday 4th December 2019, East Gate Lodge, Poole Park.

- 1. Welcome and introductions.** See back page of minutes for those present (in bold) or who gave apologies (A).
- 2. Round the table updates from each organisation**

News in advance of the meeting:

Jude Tuffin reported that the Facebook User Group has had 250 new members this year and posts have increased.

Brett Townsend has won Community venue of the year with his tennis coaching sessions – well done! Over 3000 people have attended.

Round the room updates:

Peter, Model Yacht club is very busy, operates daily. 110+ members

Nick, South Coast caterers - Over 350 people attended Halloween event, Santa grotto in The Ark. Ice rink has been removed and new pottery café has been very well received with lots of different community groups using the kiln and space, such as disabled groups, hospital groups etc. DWT will be based in the Ark reception, once per month aiming to increase their membership. Floodlights and CCTV installed around The Ark to curb anti-social behaviour.

Kit, Healthy Walks - Increasing numbers of walkers and volunteer leaders, which includes leader training. This allows them to cater for different levels of walks. Dorset Blind Association are joining walks. Now running Saturday walks, once a month. New leaders from local GP practices linking social prescription and walks from GP surgeries to the park.

3. The HLF project, updates focussing on the capital work (Martin)

Railway – engine shed, track and rolling stock are out to tender, return this week. Confident that a supplier can be contracted early 2020 and works take place through the spring.

Access theme – Now out to tender, returns come back 13th Jan, where a contractor can then be appointed. Anticipated that works will start in March 2020.

Displayed the latest drafts of the public information that will go up explaining the works and improvements. These were well received. A full communications plan will be

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published once a programme of work is in place, including site information, guided walks, talks and liaising with stakeholders to ensure the detail of the scheme and the impacts are well communicated to all.

We discussed the impact on trees of the works, the long term planting strategy and why the time is right now to remove some trees.

Play areas are also to be tendered this winter with the aim of installation before the summer holidays if at all possible.

Similarly, a package of works for site information and interpretation is also being prepared.

4. Vols and Activity plan (Toni).

There have been a number of College Students volunteering in the Park over the last few months undertaking some gardening and other tasks. There has been an issue of anti-social behaviour in terms of College students and BCP are trying to liaise with the College to see how this can be improved.

Currently looking into developing Parks In Mind programme for Poole Park learning from great examples in Bournemouth and from Stepping into Nature delivered across Dorset. These will include varied sessions aimed at supporting people with low-level depression, anxiety or suffering from trauma. Nick states that the back of the Pottery room may be available for group arts and crafts work TP to arrange.

Have started working with garden and research volunteers in preparation for creating a Victorian Collectors Garden where the putting green used to be (next to the crazy golf area).

Also looking at developing the Information Kiosk into a pop-up shop for local arts and craft businesses over the summer period.

5. AOB – events, happenings and other park information

Nick – has an archive of old drawings and paperwork that he inherited with the business and dates back to the time of Forte's original park businesses. Toni to look through for heritage research.

Nick offered new pottery space to link with health groups and sessions being planned for next year, replicating the Bournemouth parks In Mind project

Kit – says he has links to local mental health providers

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Discussion on siting a de-fib in the park. Nick offered to help fund-raise for 2 de-fibs, one at The Ark, one at The Kitchen and once installed he would then be responsible for any maintenance which is a fantastic offer. Toni to support with posters and promotion.

LJ asked for an update on Phone Kiosks. 2 of these have now seriously declined following some recent vandalism and need to be removed to storage. We continue to work on options for their re-use.

Martin and Toni thanked all for their attendance and contributions, if we don't see you before have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to working together in 2020!

Next meeting will take place:

Wednesday 4th March 2020, 5pm, East Gate Lodge.

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Organisation	Contact
	Present in Bold , Apologies (A)
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Felicity Rice (A)
Parkstone Ward:	Cllrs Stribley, Baron
Poole Town Ward:	Cllrs LJ Evans , Howell, Hadley (A)
FoPP	Michael Collins, Pat Lincoln
Poole Park User Group	Andrew Hawkes (A), Graham Tuffin, (A) Judith Tuffin (A)
Gardening Volunteers	Pete Godding (A)
South Coast Caterers	Nick Davis
Rockley Watersports	AJ Windsor, Pip Woods
Poole Model Yacht club	Roy Cane/ Pete Wiles
Poole Park Bowls club	Phil Baker (A)
Chestnut Nursery	Angela Mansbridge
Poole Town cricket club	Nick Williams Jo Pilley
Out and About Dorset Ltd	Jaime Hunt
Club 21	Jane Martin
Parkstone Bay Assoc.	Mike Randall
Mini Golf	Tony Unsworth
Wessex orienteering club	Alan Cooper
Poole Wheelers	Ros Spencer
Poole Runners	Mike Towner
B&PCFE	Lloyd Perry
PHP	Gail Percival, Sandra Wilson
BiPolar UK	Hazel Clifton, Michelle
parkrun	Sarah
Transition Poole	Kate Salter
W. Hampshire modellers	Barry Thomas
The Society for Poole	Mike Pearce
Land Train	
Healthy Walks	Kit Pearce , Viv Gear, Marion
Tennis	Brett Townsend (A)

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