

**--These minutes have yet to be signed off--**  
**The Minutes of the Public Meeting of the**  
**Friends of Glentrammon Recreation Ground and Foxbury Wood**  
**held on**  
**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.30pm**  
**The Greenwood Centre, Green Street Green**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was introduced by Patrick Phillips, Head of Parks and Greenspace for the London Borough of Bromley. He introduced Amy Rogers (AR), Parks Partnership Officer (LLB), Nick Babb (NB), Greenspace Officer (LLB), Andy Biggs, ?????, and Stephen Ernout (SE) Acting Chair of the Friends.

PP said the purpose of the meeting was to formally constitute the Friends group,

He explained that Friends groups began in 1996. Their purpose was, in part, to raise funds which would not be available to the Council. He said the aim was to make Glentrammon Recreation Ground and Foxbury Wood what the people want.

**2. Background**

AR gave the history of the group:

- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010, the first Public Meeting established local priorities
- 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010, short, medium and long term aims were agreed and the proposed map/plan for the Recreation Ground was revised.

AB gave an update on the work to date:

- The path from the Glentrammon to the Foxbury entrances was near completion.
- In approximately two weeks the playground fence would be extended, giving room for extra play equipment, and having self-closing gates.
- The mound would be completed inside the extended play area.
- Picnic tables would be added inside the play area.
- Seating would be provided in the Foxbury Drive area and on the top field near Windsor Drive.
- Dog litter bins were being provided in Foxbury Wood.
- New litter bins were being provided.
- The ball court would be completely fenced in.
- The steps between the playground and ball court area were being improved and extended.

AR said a tree contractor would be clearing the trees which had fallen during the heavy snows, and would also lift the crowns of the trees near the Foxbury Drive entrance so that the area would not be so enclosed. She explained funding for the pathway had been obtained from Transport for London (TfL), and that there was funding for the extensions to the play area.

A question was raised about the top area where it becomes very muddy. AR said this was being filled and seeded. The area on the left hand side would also receive attention. AB said water washed the soil away there and acknowledged the stones were very slippery when they became icy.

SE explained that two applications for funding had been made to improve the play area, provide accessible play equipment and create a circular walk. Although both had been unsuccessful, we are now in a position to apply for additional funding from TfL. Given the short life of the Friends, a lot had been done, especially making the play area more accessible and providing a route across the Recreation Ground in bad weather.

He also said AR would be advising the group on possible sources of funding and that a formalised plan would be drawn up with Officers with regard to placing additional equipment in the playground. The Committee would have bi-monthly meetings.

### 3. Constitution adoption

AR explained:

- The Constitution set out the rules for operating the Friends group.
- Funding organisations require a Constitution to be in place.
- Our version had been compiled with reference to those of other similar groups.
- One slight change needed to be made to the version circulated to the meeting. In page 2, section 5, under "Voting", the word "resident" should replace with "member".

SE explained the Aims and Objectives. He said we would be working with the Council so that everyone had a say in the development of the area. He hoped to encourage use of the park and playground and reduce anti-social behaviour and misuse, partly because of the increased footfall. Local police officers will attend Committee meetings and had agreed to increase patrols during the light evenings as a deterrent.

The custodians would maintain the area for the use of the community, having a care for biodiversity and wild areas. He hoped to reinstate information panels.

SE said there would be measurable objectives, particularly with regard to the use of the area and respect for the facilities and the space.

The Constitution was adopted by a show of hands.

PP congratulated the Friends on being formally constituted.

### 4. Committee formalisation

PP introduced the formal election of Officers and Ordinary Members. (The latter would be elected en bloc)

Chair:	Stephen Ernoult	Proposed by:	Lucy Ellis	Seconded by:	Chris Flemming
Secretary:	Linda Sokoloff		Meriel Mills		Jana Ernoult
Treasurer:	Robert Mills		Richard Bellis		Stephen Ernoult
Membership Secretary:					
	Chris Arnold		Robert Mills		Elizabeth Downie
Vice Chair:	Jenny Stevens		Stephen Ernoult		Sandra Thomas

All votes on appointments of Officers were carried by a show of hands.

The following Acting Committee Members were proposed for election by Linda Sokoloff and seconded by Chris Arnold. All were voted in as Committee Members by a show of hands:

Richard Bellis	Elizabeth Downie	Lucy Ellis	Jana Ernoult
Jo Gates	Meriel Mills	Paul Sokoloff	

For the remaining Committee Member vacancy, Margaret Lawrence proposed Tamara Galloway. She was seconded by Lucy Ellis and voted in by a show of hands.

SE spoke about the wider membership of the Friends. He drew attention to the Membership Forms and explained membership of the Friends was free of charge. For a voluntary donation (suggested as £2 per household) updates on events would be provided. Email addresses would be the preferred method of distributing information, but hard copies would be delivered where members had no email address.

### 5. Future Activities

SE said a programme for future events would be drawn up at Committee meetings. Such events encourage wider membership by creating visibility for the Friends. There had already been a bulb planting and litter picking event in October. It was proposed to hold another litter pick during the summer.

SE gave the Friends contact email address as: [contact.glen trammon@gmail.com](mailto:contact.glen trammon@gmail.com).

He invited anyone with concerns, suggestions and ideas to use the contact email address, contact any Committee member or AR.

He stressed the importance of the Recreation Ground and Wood developing as the local community wants.

Bob Mills drew attention to the Harris Hospice event on June 11<sup>th</sup>, to be held on the Village Green. The Green Street Green Society would share a gazebo with the Friends. A large map of the developments to the Recreation Ground would be on show. There would be a treasure hunt activity and any funds raised would be split between the two groups.

PP explained that a meeting of representatives of Friends groups is held twice each year, when Officers can be held to account. These meetings ensure the Council is doing what is wanted – working alongside and in partnership with Friends groups. He wished our group “all the best”.

## 6. Any Other Business

- Lucie Ellis asked why the proposed route for the path had been changed. She was told the change in alignment was to provide better access to the play area, which is to be extended.
- AR said Officers would be talking to local children in schools etc, to find out what equipment they would like in the playground. She expected them to want an aerial runway and more ambitious play equipment.
- Margaret Lawrence suggested a play area for adults. AR reported that some people had been opposed to this at a previous public meeting, as it was not a priority. The meeting generally agreed it was a good idea. ML suggested the equipment would be like gym equipment, and perhaps Glentrammon could be the first in Bromley to have one. AR said gym equipment for adults was still in the plan and could be investigated in the longer term. SE said he would obtain brochures to see what equipment was available.
- Margaret Lawrence also asked about provision of water fountains. PP explained this was difficult on health and safety grounds due to standing water in pipes.
- AR requested permission to pass on the current list of Friends to the Committee. No one objected to this.
- AR said she would circulate the minutes of the meeting to all people in the wider group.
- Bob Mills said the concrete steps from Edgebury Drive were dangerous. This point was seconded by Pat Padgham. It was agreed that a hand rail and salt bin (for winter used) would be desirable. AB agreed to look at this.
- It was observed that the new path to the recreation area was narrow at the Foxbury Drive end but widened where it met the main path, and the path was wider at the Glentrammon Road end. AB said he would check this. It was also thought the path was too narrow to accommodate a double buggy, or for push chairs or wheel chairs to pass on another.
- AB said the usual width for Transport for London sponsored paths was 1.8 metres. Owing to the sensitivity of the site, they had agreed a width of 1.5 metres, which included the edging cobbles. He confirmed that the area around the path would be tidied when work had finished. It would then be levelled with top soil and seeded with grass.
- In reply to a question AB said the finish to the path will be limestone because this was suitable in a chalkland area and for species living there.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.