



Peoples Park Wildlife Area  
Committee Meeting,  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015, at 4:30 pm



**Present:** Kendra Ezekiel (Deputy Chair), Liz Brookes-Hocking and Laura Conyngham

**27 To receive and accept apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Frank Letch, Dan Webb, Georgina Ford, Shelley O'Berg and Yvonne Crone.

**28 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**29 Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Working Group Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Working Group Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March as a correct record.

**30 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**31 To review the area following the work carried out since the last meeting.**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> April, Kendra checked to see if the plants were holding up to the hot weather and most looked well. Liz confirmed that all the plants appear to have taken well.

Kendra advised that the lady who owns the house bordering the top end of the area had made a slight complaint about the branches and debris left on top of her stone wall. Despite this she was very complimentary of what was being done with the space. She advised Kendra that she hires a gardener to trim the weeds growing between the wooden fence she has erected and the stone wall bordering her property and the park. It was noted that the gardener needs access to the area from the park.

Obtaining water on planting days had so far proved a challenge, with residents being asked if their outside taps could be used. Laura volunteered to speak to some neighbouring properties in advance of the planting day on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**32 To review the project including:**

**• Actionable points from the last meeting**

Laura asked for an update on the tree branches. Clare advised that it was hoped this work would be undertaken in June 2015.

Clare confirmed that she had met with PCSO Becky Tanner and completed a police grant application form requesting £500 from the Crime Beat panel. As the purpose of the grants was primarily crime prevention the application had mainly focused on

solar lighting for the area, which would help to illuminate the path. Lighting in this area has been a recurring request for several years.

Clare advised that Hooper Services had been instructed to lay another four loads of wood chip. They had definitely laid two but she had not inspected the area in the last week to see if the other two loads had been laid. Laura confirmed she would check this.

Clare confirmed that she had e-mailed over 40 groups and organisation in Crediton asking for volunteers to assist with the next planting day on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015, starting at 10.00 am. The Crediton Courier would also be running the request in the Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May edition.

- **Donations**

Clare advised that an anonymous donation of £200 had been received. The donor expressed a desire for some of the money to be used to purchase a bird feeder. Liz suggested that this could be a good project for the local nursery/playgroups to have a rota to keep the bird feeder topped up.

It was agreed for Clare to look into bird feeders and circulate her findings to members.

Clare advised that Tesco had confirmed they would donate two planters to the project.

- **Sponsorship**

Laura and Kendra suggested approaching the Co-op for sponsorship as they are advertising a community fund in their shop. Clare confirmed she would do this.

- **Finances**

There is currently £597.43 in the budget, this includes the £200 donation.

- 33 **To discuss and agree any further actions required in order to progress the project.**  
The next planting day is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015. After this there will be no other planting days until the Autumn.

It was **resolved** for the next meeting of the Committee to be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

34 **Close**

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm



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