



## **The Friends of Croydon Road Recreation Ground**

**Minutes:** AGM, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017  
**Venue:** Azelia Hall, Beckenham

### **In attendance:**

Roger Bahari  
Lynn Baker  
Brian Blandford  
Wendy Faulkner  
Lisa-Marie Faulkner-Brent  
Cllr Peter Fookes  
Terry Guntrip  
Ann, Gill and John Joslin  
Des and Brenda Knight  
Roger Leach  
Terry Murphy  
Chris Phillips  
Cllr Sarah Phillips  
George and Christine Snelgrove

### **Guests:**

Penny Read (idverde)  
Larry Herbert (Friends' Forum)  
Andy Hodgson (idverde)  
Amy Rogers (idverde)

The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting.

### **1.0 Minutes of the previous AGM**

1.1 It was agreed that the minutes were a correct record of the previous AGM, proposed by Terry Guntrip, seconded by Cllr Sarah Phillips.

1.2 Matters arising:

Nil

### **2.0 Report from the officers**

#### **2.1 Chairman**

The chairman thanked all those who had helped organise events and fundraising in the park in what had been another most successful year. The support of idverde officers was particularly appreciated in helping to provide professional advice regarding fundraising events and helping with lottery bids.

Terry Guntrip had hosted our brilliant website keeping everyone up to date with events and communicating with members.

This had been our busiest year in recent memory. Events had included:  
The MOAFF team had organised another successful music festival at the bandstand in August;  
Kat Webb had organised a number of popular Bowie history walking tours based at the bandstand:  
Dizzy's diner had organised a BecRec Fest in July;  
The Bromley Concert Band had played at the bandstand in May, and Lewisham Concert Band had played in September.  
A carol singing concert with a brass band had been held in December 2016. Another one is planned for 18.12.17 with the Crystal Palace Progress Band. And there were other events as well...

The chairman said that new members were always welcome, especially volunteers to join the committee. He had received notification that Terry Guntrip and Cllr Sarah Phillips would be resigning after many years' service by the next AGM and replacements needed to be found if the Friends were to continue.

The chairman praised the landscape contractors for keeping the park well maintained throughout the year.

The committee had met in January and had agreed to pursue a scaled down application to the HLF, and the works had been re-tendered, with costs awaited. As soon as these become available, a bid can be made, and it may just be that works on the bandstand could start in the second half of 2018.

## 2.2 Treasurer

The treasurer presented the attached accounts for the year to 30.09.17 which had not been audited. A vote to approve the accounts was proposed by Chris Phillips and seconded by Terry Guntrip and unanimously approved.

The treasurer explained that the bank accounts were split 3 ways into the main Friends account with 2 supplementary accounts for the bandstand and for the paddling pool projects.

Membership costs continue to be £5 per household per year.

Note: bandstand restoration  
idverde reported at the meeting that £66,000 was in the LBB bandstand restoration account and 150 bricks out of a possible 800 had been sold to date. Project costs are estimated to be around £128,000 but up-to-date costings are currently being secured through a tendering exercise.

## 2.3 Membership secretary

Terry Guntrip's report was as follows:

In the 2017 calendar year, the total number of members who have paid up subscriptions is 63, out of which 35 members have renewed their subscriptions from 2016 and 23 have outstanding renewals so far and have been sent renewal forms.

However, the good news is that we have 26 new members who have signed up either for 2017 or paid in advance for 2018. In the summer Terry leafleted Village Way houses close to the park and also Whitmore Road houses and this brought in around 8 or 9 new joiners.

If we can get all the outstanding renewals, we should have 84 members on the books which is an increase of 9 on the previous year.

31 of our members pay via PayPal and these subscriptions get automatically renewed each year unless the subscriber cancels their subscription. It is good to see that many of the new members have used PayPal to sign up which saves a lot of effort in chasing up renewals as they automatically charge the members subscription and renew each year.

Membership forms were available at the AGM. Cost is £5 per household. If you are not sure whether you have paid for 2017, Terry Has a list of members and can advise.

Terry also writes and distributes our newsletters during the year. Most of our members are on email and receive newsletters in this way. However, there are around 11 members without email addresses and they get a paper newsletter delivered to them.

Our current flag which has been in place for the past two years on the flagpole in the park is looking very tattered, and Terry is hoping to replace it in the spring.

### 3.0 Election of officers

A request was made for any offers or nominations from the floor for any of the substantive posts on the committee. None were voiced, so voting proceeded thus:

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
Chair	Chris Phillips	Terry Guntrip	Roger Leach	Unanimous
Treasurer	Cllr Sarah Phillips	Chris Phillips	Terry Guntrip	Unanimous
Membership	Terry Guntrip	Chris Phillips	Roger Bahari	Unanimous
Newsletters and PR	Terry Guntrip	Chris Phillips	Roger Bahari	Unanimous
Events coordinator	Roger Bahari	Chris Phillips	Cllr S Phillips	Unanimous
Committee member	Wendy Faulkner	Sarah Phillips	Chris Phillips	Unanimous
Committee member	Brian Blandford	Sarah Phillips	Chris Phillips	Unanimous
Committee member	Lisa Marie Faulkner-Brent	Chris Phillips	Sarah Phillips	Unanimous
Independent Examiner	David Charlesworth	Chris Phillips	Terry Guntrip	Unanimous

#### 4.0 Any Other Business

Larry Herbert said there would be a Friends' Forum meeting on 17 January from 7-9pm at Bromley Civic Centre.

Possible options for the paddling pool of the future were circulated at the meeting (see the attached)

#### 5.0 Next committee meeting

Next meeting committee meeting: to be arranged.