

# Minutes

## Friends of HCSC Meeting

### 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Attendees: Alison Holland, Helen Crotty, Debs Thompson, Alison Bratcher, Amy Crotty, Neil Cleaver, Pip Moore

Apologies: Wendy Challis

Absent: Marie Holder, Marie C-M, Debbie Sinclair

#### **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes & Matters Arising**

No minutes to approve

#### **Financial Report**

Treasurer was not present at the meeting, so no financial report provided.

#### **Current Funding Request**

None

#### **Items of Business**

##### **1. Fireworks**

Alison, Amy and Debs attended a meeting regarding this year's Fireworks, and were informed that Victoria Country Park will not be hosting a Fireworks display this year due to lots of work planned around the park and buildings. The park also advised that last year's event was bigger than they would like and will need to consider downsizing in the future. Debs advised that the Friends of Victoria Country Park were unaware of this and rely on the display each year for funding other projects, and that they would be putting in a complaint to the park. Will wait to see what the outcome is of this.

We are still able to host a display purely as a Friends event, but will need to find an alternative venue big enough to have the display and parking.

Pip put forward suggestion of Sholing FC, however it was felt that the traffic and parking would be a problem, Alison H suggested Victoria House Police HQ who possibly already have a firework licence. She will look into this.

Neil will speak to Mark at the school regarding our grounds and the fields opposite.

Alison, Amy and Debs all agreed that at no point during the meeting did the Park state that this was confidential, and therefore when making enquiries with other venues it can be mentioned that that the Park will not be hosting this year.

Amy asked if we would be happy for another person in their 1<sup>st</sup> Year of University doing the same course as her, could help with the planning should it go ahead. All agreed that we are happy for someone to shadow Amy and learn the ropes.

## 2. Quad Garden

Pip, Alison H and her dad came in on 10<sup>th</sup> April and planted lots in the Quad Garden. Alison took photos and will send copies to everyone via the Whatsapp group.

## 3. New Funding Ideas

Neil asked if the Friends would consider organising a raffle to be held at the School Production in December. Alison H suggested a Xmas Raffle open to all parents rather than those attending the production, Helen advised a large grand prize would be needed in order to encourage parents to buy. Helen asked if raffle tickets could be purchased on Scopay, as lots of kids won't take tickets home and parents don't always go through their kids bags. Agreed would put on the Agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

Alison H advised that Lisa had suggested a summer school BBQ. Alison B has helped organise this at the school where she works and it has always been successful. Agreed it was too late to organise for this summer, but will consider for next year.

Ideas were put forward for a Ladies Night, Race Night and Quiz Night. All agreed a Quiz Night would be a good idea with a possible date of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Suggestions of fish and chips on the night, teams of up to 6 people, £5 per person plus corkage of £1 per bottle – Alison B suggested £8 per ticket to inc food but no corkage as this has worked well for the quiz nights she has organised. Helen will look into tickets and make enquiries at the fish and chip shop, Alison H will make enquiries at Tescos regarding the hiring of glasses.

Debs advised that Victoria Country Park have asked if we will do a lighted products stall at the music festival on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Stall is all afternoon and into the evening. Neil will ask staff at school if anyone is available to help on the stall, will need to be set up at 10am.

All agreed to cancel our stall at the Bursledon School fair on the 20<sup>th</sup> May, the event is during the day so the products would not be visible, plus it will cost £15 for the stall.

## 4. Prom

It was agreed that the original suggestion of funding a photobooth at the prom does not represent the Friends as a educational donation.

Helen felt that we should not pay anything towards the prom, especially as we now don't have the income this year from the fireworks. Tickets this year for the prom are cheaper than before, Alison H advised that the prom is a reward and the students have to meet the criteria set out by the school in order to attend.

Suggestion was put forward of paying £2.50 off the ticket price, max students is 175 so will make a max donation of £437.50. Debs will also try and get the balloons free from Veals . It was agreed to go with the £2.50 donation per ticket, Debs put this forward and Pip seconded it.

**AOB** - None

**Next Meeting** - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm in Skills Centre