

FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP - COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2024 AT 11.15AM - VOLUNTEERS' CABIN

PRESENT

Catherine Dann, Chris Groom, Keith Barnard, Sue Smales, Denise Reid, Malcolm Penny, Sue Place, Paul Lake, Susan Toms, Jo Oliver, Joan Butfield

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Christine Lake, Tony Swan

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approved

MONUMENT TO LESELY - UPDATE

Invitees - CG will contact Council for numbers attending as they have sent out their own invites. Would volunteers add their names to those already on the list in the cabin.

Unveiling - CL has organised.

Catering - JO has organised SF and AN to do teas; SF will help if necessary. AN will do flower arrangements.

Mayor's Speech - Unanimous agreement to thank CL for writing the Mayor's excellent speech

SUMMER FAIR

Arrangements all made. PT and ST will put up notices CAR PARK CLOSED a week before hand. The band, morris dancers and dog show judge will be allowed to park in the car park.

Anticipate the Stables will be available around 4pm after Lesley's memorial service for setting up.

Unanimous opinion that the Ellis signs are not as agreed.

HERITAGE DAY

ST said that that despite extensive research into alternative bands it has been decided to book Simply Gray . The charge of £300. was agreed.

First Aider and Mayor booked.

SD will be invited to the Heritage Day as unsure if all the artefacts will be displayed in the dove-cote by then.

KB says that the Classic Car entrance fee will go to Hillingdon Brain Tumour and then will be providing the stewards.

ADVERTISING

ST, PL and MP have distributed posters and arranged for advertising in Residents' Association boards, Eastcote Local, Hillingdon People, Pinner Local, etc.

SALES OF BOOKS/PLANTS/CRAFTS.

SS said how well the sales had gone . Book sales raised £100.50. craft sales £160.32 Publications £138.60

JO said plants raised £424.36. There should be enough plants for the next sale on May 11th but further donations would be very welcome.

The number of plant sales will be reviewed in the future.

EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS

SP said the spring show did very well. The summer show is on the 15th June will be led by Jane Neave who has requested the help of Linda Furnell. Sue Francis has agreed to come and open up the compound and cabin as Jane is not familiar with the set up.Jane,

LONDON IN BLOOM

JO - waiting on confirmation of possible alternative date to 14th June when volunteers will be available.

TREE DRESSING

PL - stables and Mayor booked.

BANK CARD READER

KB - no news

FIRST AID COURSES

CL will contact F.S.about courses.

FIRE SAFETY IN THE VOLUNTEERS CABIN

FS is in contact with the Council. JB will contact Lesley's daughter to arrange for the collection of FEHG items from Lesley's including keys.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BEDS, BORDERS AND OTHER AREAS

Not many volunteers have signed up to adopt a particular bed. JO said that she will arrange to blitz certain beds on gardening days.

DOVECOTE

ST said nothing had happened and suggested she sends a letter to the Conservation Officer on behalf of the History Society. This was agreed.

GARDENING - NEW PROPOSALS

JO referred to TS' email of 25th April concerning the box hedging. JO agreed that we were losing the battle with the box and should wait for autumn and decide where to start.

KB to contact the Council as currently we are unaware of any policy on replacing the box.

CD suggested showing the Leader and the Councillors the situation on the 31st May.

The winter box by the steps of the cafe is not healthy and needs replacing

Some of the ferns in the fernery need replacing. EHS have contact who could supply for £3-£10 depending on size.

PATHS - OUTSTANDING REPAIRS

No action taken

AOB

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

No response from Council. The lease for the cafe is up for renewal in June 2025. No progress can be made until we know whether or not the toilets can be made available.

PL and CL will collect ideas for use of the playground.

MP suggested that if a school had arranged to visit the gardens the cafe could stay open for them. JO said children as the future generation should be encouraged and PL and CL arranged to get a group together with thoughts. MP JO and DR volunteered.

NEW RECRUITS

SS and JB asked if a table could be placed in the stables asking for new recruits for the gardens. It was agreed that the Control Desk would be suitable for posters to be placed on it. PL to design.

ALPINE MOUND

SP asked for permission to replace the chips in the mound and this was granted.

12TH OCTOBER - THE WOODMAN

PL's band will be playing and everyone welcome.

Meeting ended at 12.25