

Minutes of Meeting

@ Andrea's house 13 May 2008

Present:

Joyce F	Chair
Andrea H	Treasurer
June J	Secretary
Jeana G	Horticultural Expert

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the last meeting

We assume these to be a true record of events once they have been published on the GreenFerry website for one week without any request for corrections.

3. Money Matters

We have nearly £300 still left from our gardens grant last year. This must be spent urgently. Jeana/June/Andrea will buy sustainable plants and compost for our new tubs and boxes.

Jeana/June/Andrea

Insurance, CLAN membership, and Forth Estuary Forum Membership fees are all due.

Andrea/Joyce

Joyce and Jim have been busking at Tesco, and will be at Scotmid this weekend. All proceeds will be put towards summer flower projects.

Andrea is doing the necessary work so that we get gift aid from our newsletter, so that should further top up our funds

Andrea

Joyce will e-mail Andrea the most up to date list of baskets so that invoices can be prepared early.

Joyce

Joyce to chase up new grant for East Terrace project which has not come through yet.

Joyce

4. Summer Planting

Planting will take place this year on Sunday, 8 June. Jeana will clear out the tubs in the two weeks beforehand with help from others as and when. (Bess has volunteered herself on some evenings)

Jeana/all

Andrea and Jeana have updated the planting plans. (Thanks both -- that was a MAJOR task.)

Joyce will ask about recycling the primroses to Friends of the Ferry Glen, and ask if tea/coffee/sandwiches could be supplied when the planting is complete.

Joyce

- Six new barrel tubs for Scotstoun Shops will need to be painted. June volunteered for this. She will see Iain. June
- June and Jeana will meet up (31 May?) and organise numbers/sticky labels on each box to help volunteers on the day. Jeana/June
- Joyce has asked Joe (plumber) to see to the irrigation systems, which he has agreed to do for a small fee. Joyce
- Joyce will see to the publicity for the planting day via GreenFerry's mailing list, e-ferry, and the Gazette. (Harumi has already volunteered her young people.) Joyce
5. **East Terrace flowerboxes**
- Jeana ordered 55 boxes from Kirkcaldy Garden Centre and Joyce has now collected these. Kenny will order and fit brackets where necessary.
- Joyce will consult with residents of East Terrace to find out what evening suits them best to help with planting up the boxes. Joyce
- Mrs B (#10) would love a barrel outside her door, which she says she will water. Jeana
6. **Publicity/Events**
- The newsletter is almost complete. Just to be proof-read. (Thanks to Beth for that.) Joyce will put out a plea for distributors to help deliver this. Joyce
- Joyce and June will meet and discuss the distribution of the new video, "Inspiring Queensferry". Joyce/June
- GreenFerry will have a presence/displays at the Raft Race (1 June) and at Hopetoun House Open Day. Joyce will see to these. Joyce
- We will also have a stall/display and poop scoop day at the new Echline Play Park to tie in with their grand opening on the 21st June (1-3 pm). June will organize display boards, free doggie bags, and doggy costume. June
7. **New projects**
- George V Play Park (Society Road and Inchgarvie Terrace) June will start participatory exercise there during the school holidays. June
- Christmas brackets
Joyce will try to put together a grant application to replace our brackets with new ones which take Christmas trees. This is a one-off. GreenFerry will not be organise the Christmas trees or lights -- just make it possible for traders to have this option. Joyce
- Rosebery Court may be delayed. High School children are now doing exams.
- Priory Church Garden is likely to be an autumn project.

Recycling event

Greenferry Trust is a registered Scottish Charity SC038774

Joyce has been on a walkabout the village with Margaret Williamson (Edinburgh Council) to look at some of the issues with regard to recycling bins. Hill Court will be getting a multi-material container to replace on of their regular bins. There may also be scope for some other areas to have recycling containers such as the Vennel, though planning permission must be sought for these. Margaret agreed that some bins were much in need of refurbishment and she will see to this.

With support from City of Edinburgh Council, GreenFerry would like to organise an information evening about recycling, possibly in the autumn (Jeana suggested the title "EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RECYCLING BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK ")

Joyce/June

8. **Training**

It was agreed that Joyce could attend the IAP2 conference in public participation at Strathclyde University, and that GreenFerry would assist with a small contribution towards her cost.

9. **Tools**

Jeana has offered to sell the group her strimmer which is too heavy for domestic use but could be used for Echline Woodland and the Ferry Glen. She will consult Graham about this.

Jeana

New tool store

We are hopeful of moving the GreenFerry tools to the old bin store at Hill Court. This would need to be done up first. Joyce has prepared a letter to residents and will liaise with Sam about this.

Joyce

The group noted with sadness the death of Mrs Julia Kirkwood who contributed so much over many years to the floral show in Hill Court. Joyce sent a sympathy card to the family on behalf of the group.

10. **Green Heroes**

Joyce produced the t-shirts which the group had been awarded by BTCV as part of the "Green Heroes" competition 2008. Alas, we didn't win, but the t-shirts were a good consolation prize!