

Minutes of Meeting

@ Andrea's house. Monday 13 October 2008

Present:

Joyce F	Chair
Andrea H	Treasurer
Jeana G	Horticultural Expert
June J	Secretary
Brenda W	Beautiful Queensferry

1. **Apologies**

None

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. Andrea will let us know when minutes have been uploaded.

3. **Money Matters**

Andrea said that we have (just) sufficient funds left to cover the winter planting. Gift Aid will help. We have missed the support of Sportsman Events but are pleased they will be having a fund-raising dinner again next year, to support local causes. Scruples (Jeweller's) still haven't paid for their basket despite three requests.

Joyce

4. **Beautiful Queensferry Results**

Brenda showed the group the folder which had been presented to the judges. Group was impressed with this. Discussion about where to hang certificate. Suggested an A3 frame with colour photographs around it to be displayed in around various public places. Picnic Coffee Shop window, Council workers office at Burgess Road, Schools etc. Could/should be moved from location to location.

Joyce asked if, after this, the certificate might be inscribed "South Queensferry" to reflect the efforts of the town and avoid anyone assuming that the certificate belongs to one group.

Discussion about next year's entry. Joyce suggested contacting schools in January to organise a joint meeting (Friday afternoon?) to explain how points are awarded and ask for them to flag-up projects they will be doing which might count. Dalmeny School might be good for a visit given the success of their Forest School programme which the Park Ranger is helping with. Contact Diane Forbes (Dalmeny PS) for details.

Brenda

5. **Spraying/Weeding**

Much discussion about the need to both spray AND weed the High Street and other areas at least three times a year. Difficulties of council/manpower are understood, but perhaps co-ordinated effort could be arranged with volunteers. For example, Council could spray the area and then contact groups to let them know of weeding/clearing day. We could then ask volunteers to come and work alongside council workers – like the High Street Sweep. Joyce to ask one of the Andy's or Ken Speed at Burgess Road.

Joyce

- Brenda will ask (Community Council?) to lobby for restoration of man with barrow who came to the High Street two summers ago and made a real difference. Brenda
6. **Hanging Baskets**
 These are now past their best. Jeana will ask Robert to collect them on winter planting day (26 October) and also to uplift baskets left behind last year at Priory Guest House. Jeana
- Joyce will ask Gordon Lamb if he can have Robert's baskets ready to return to him on that day. Joyce
7. **Winter Planting Day**
 This was set for Sunday 26 October at the police station. Joyce to let police know. Joyce to sort out publicity in Gazette, e-ferry and GreenFerry mailing list and include posters for schools and Rose Garden. Joyce
- Programme is:
- 9am** Pre-team to sort out the trolleys, prepare plans, and put stickers/numbers on the boxes. ALL
- 10am** Planting team to start
- 11.30am** Tidy up time
- 12 noon** Lunch in Priory Church
- Jeana to confirm with Robert and ask if he will stay around until noon to collect his trolleys afterwards, rather than leave them at the Police Station. Jeana
- Joyce to ask if we can use the Priory again for tea/coffee/lunch afterwards. And perhaps Ger (Picnic) might supply cakes again. Joyce
 Brenda will e-mail Joyce a shopping list. Brenda
8. **Preparation Week**
 Preparing the boxes for planting is now a rather extensive operation so we have broken this down into sessions in the hope that some more people in the community will join us for some of the time. Arrangements are therefore as follows:
- Session 1
 Saturday 18th October. 10am-noon To save the geraniums day. Joyce to extract all the geraniums, pot them up, and find homes for them over the winter. Joyce
- Session 2
 Tuesday 21 October 10am-noon.
 Library to Bellstane Square (bottom of Loan). June and Jeana
- Session 3
 Tuesday 21 October 2-4pm.
 Hill Court Andrea
- Session 4
 Wednesday 22 October 2-4pm.
 Rosebery Hall and West Terrace (6 boxes on curved railings) Andrea
- Session 5
 Thursday 23 October 10am-noon

- Tubs at Scotmid and the Heath Centre
- Session 6
Friday 24 October 10am-noon
Mid-Terrace and Picnic Coffee shop tubs
- Tools, trugs and brushes and binbags are all in the lock-up.
- We will try to save as much compost as possible in the tubs. Old plants will be bagged up and delivered to Andrea's house for recycling.
- East Terrace
Joyce will tell residents that we are taking out the plants that week, and encourage them to do the boxes on the railings at a time that suits them.
- Scotstoun Shops
June will see if Interact group might take this on as it's a relatively easy planting job. She can deliver tools and plants on an appointed day.
9. **Water butt**
The water butt has at last found a home. Brenda will arrange for it to be sited in the Rosebery Nursery Garden. (Children already have little bright-green frog-shaped watering cans which we gave them all last year. Should be good for a photograph somewhere.
10. **Police Garden**
Jeana will remove wheat plant and give it to Andrea to make bread. (Photograph please!) More bulbs etc to be planted in Police Garden.
11. **Planning Meeting for Summer Planting (already!)**
28 November at 2.30pm in the Boathouse restaurant where the light is better to examine books/catalogues. Jeana will invite Robert. 2009 will be the "golden" year to celebrate Lyla and Tom's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
12. **Visits**
Linlithgow
Joyce spent half a day with Liz Burrows from Linlithgow's, Burgh Beautiful group. They will invite us for a return visit in the spring.
North Berwick
Planned visit for the autumn fell through, New date suggested for the spring. Joyce and Jeana (and hopefully June) to go.
13. **O2 Energy-Saving Offer**
GreenFerry's application to take up O2s energy-saving offer for a community group was successful. This means that 12 homes in South Queensferry will now receive free cavity wall insulation, loft insulation and other energy-saving measures. Surveys for the work have already started.
14. **Community Woodlands Conference**
Will take place over weekend of 7-9 November. June to decide (quickly) if she wants to go, and liaise with Graham to book a place.

Jeana

Joyce

Joyce

June

Brenda

Jeana/Andrea

Jeana

Joyce

June/Graham

15. **New projects**
 Grant application has to be submitted very early November for consideration in 11th December round of funding at Local Partnerships. Jeana will design a new garden area at front of Priory Church, and cost it. Joyce will put together application and send it off. Joyce will also contact council to ask if area could be dug over for the winter so that soil breaks down and less compost needed. Joyce
- Corner near Priory/Dull wall area with Forth Bridge signpost**
 (Sorry this wasn't discussed.) John Watson gave Joyce a contact number for a local landscape architect (Barbara Mitchell) who is willing to design something for this corner. Joyce will arrange to meet with her and discuss possible plans for a project next autumn. Joyce
16. **Vennel Garden**
 Brenda said that plans for Vennel Garden were back with the council to be re-drawn. Joyce mentioned that Debbie Urquhart (Tom Thumb Nursery) said she was keen to see something done with this area so that nursery children could start using it. Obviously the garden would remain a community garden but Debbie may be a good person to become involved in new design and could readily attract money, grants, parent helpers etc. Information passed to Brenda to follow up. Brenda
17. **CleanFerry BIG clean-up**
 Will go ahead next February and involve the whole community. Joyce to liaise with Police and schools for November meeting, Friday afternoon at 1.30pm. Joyce
18. **Tesco's new trolley policy**
 Following Marina's efforts, Tesco's are now sending a boy out immediately to collect any trolleys reported "loose" in the village. We will keep an eye on this and, if successful, Beautiful Queensferry should note their co-operation in next year's folio entry. Brenda
19. **Dalmeny War memorial**
 This area has now been grassed over. If it is to be re-planted, then it would have to be done so (and maintained?) by volunteers. Suggestions for planting welcome. All
20. **George V Park**
 June has limited success talking to residents about this, but found Heather Gray (Assistant Head at Echline) very enthusiastic. They may lead this project then, and use GreenFerry to filter through funding for specific projects. June will keep in touch. June