

FILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Minutes: 10 May 2014

1. Apologies

Karen Hudson, Bill Moore, Sue Mciver, Pat Smith, Brian Smith

2. Attendees

Betty Elsdon, Nora Stokes, Don Stokes, Dave Tombs, Beryl, Dave Mikkelson, Ken Hoare, Helen Johnson, Jenny Stacy, Meifeng

3. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of meeting 12 April were agreed.

4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

- a. **Trees** - Betty has contacted the arboretum learning group but they are not able to help as they no longer have funding. They did however give us contact details for a supplier of tree labels. Avon Wildlife was also approached and Betty now has names to talk to who might come out to identify trees - we will have to pay their expenses.
- b. **Schools** - Charborough Road have started planting their bed on a recent visit of 10-12 children/teachers/helpers; Shield Road Ken to see how they are progressing and Anne is talking to Filton Hill. No sign of Chloe the UWE Volunteer who was to be assisting the school - Helen to find out if she is still participating.
- c. **The fern area** has been planted and will continue to be added to.
- d. **Sainsbury's** – Helen to check if £150 donation promised has been paid into the Filton Town Council account.
- e. **Noticeboard** – now delivered and will be put up 15 May
- f. **Holiday Inn staff** – want to get involved in planting. They offered to plant a tree but as we have enough trees, we will ask Pat Smith who is in contact with them to discuss alternative support.

5. Photobook

Those who ordered books have now received them and it has one has been put in Filton Library to go on display. Copies will also be given to Bethany Hall and Filton Community Centre. At the Annual Assembly in late May we will present one to the Town Clerk with an update on the garden. Nora suggested giving a copy to Almondsbury Garden Centre in thanks for their continued support. Dave M will meet with Richard Truscott and show him the book.

6. Summer Planting

It was agreed to buy plants from Blaise Castle Nurseries at their sale rather than wait until after the sale when we would have little choice of plants. The Concorde beds and edge of the borders will be planted and Pat Smith will be consulted to help with the planting plan.

7. Filton Festival – We continued the discussion from the last meeting on what stalls and activities we want to do at the festival on 13 July:

- a. **Punch and Judy show** – Betty has discussed and feedback info to the meeting. It was agreed to have 3 x 20 minute traditional shows at cost of £150 which also includes

children's colouring competitions and quiz. We must make sure there is no loud music nearby and that the audience don't have sun in their eyes. We will provide a groundsheet to sit on if the ground is wet.

- b. Origami activity stall and treasure hunt both to be organised by UWE students Meifeng and Georgie who will feedback costs at next meeting.
- c. Face painting by a contact of Ken's who will be happy to do if we can pay travel expenses.
- d. Raffle to be run by Brian Smith.
- e. Bug hunt to be organised by the committee.
- f. Air Ambulance gazebo – will be positioned on the garden site.
- g. We discussed the need for the garden to buy another gazebo (other than that leant by Dave M) and it was agreed to look out for a second rain/sun shelter at a good price.

8. **Asda**

We have a token collection box along with Filton Festival and Filton Chest and Heart in Asda foyer. It will be there for 2 months. The fullest box gets £200 the runners up get £50 each.

9. **Leaflet**

A working group will meet and discuss a brief that can be given to Robin who has offered to design the leaflet free of charge. We will wait until the logo has been designed before going to print. Local printers 'Instyle' will print a minimum of 1000 copies. We will discuss again at next meeting.

10. **Edible Garden**

The bed is dug out and now needs planning up. Helen, Meifeng and Georgia to meet up, plan the garden, get plants and plant.

11. **Maintenance of the Garden**

We agreed to :

Make a manual of what jobs need doing month by month (with Don's assistance)

Organise days that people can work together in garden for example Sunday mornings for a couple of hours when anyone can come along and help. We will use the noticeboard to show what and when we are working in the garden.

12. **Twinning**

Garden gifts are exchanged between the three Twinning Associations. The St Vallier and Witzenhausen groups are discussing what to give us for our garden and this will be presented on their next visit to Filton in 2015 when the Filton Twinning Association will put on a welcome event in the garden.

13. **Design of Logo/Competition**

We will give a brief for the design giving an approximate size of finished logo. There will be a £25 prize for winner and £10 for the runner up. Dave and Helen to get advice on logo design to add to the brief.

14. **A.O.B.**

- The Bug Hotel was completed by St Andrews Youth Club on Thurs 8 May.
- Suggested that we put on a tea party just for Springfield/Concorde House residents who now the Springfield gate is not progressing cannot get directly into the garden
- We need to re-bark the woodland path and are looking for a new supplier of bark. Most suppliers need us to go and pick up the bark. Ken and Dave are looking into it. Jenny suggested put an appeal out for pickup or van driver to help with the collection.

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

14 June 2014