



## **Minutes of Friends of Pittville Executive Committee Meeting – 10 April 2007**

### **1. Members Present**

Chairman – Tony Mason (TM)  
Hon Secretary – Ron Pattinson (RP)  
Ward Councillor - Dave Prince (DP)  
Ward Councillor - Diane Hibbert (DH)  
Park Watch – Desmond Fitzgerald (DF)  
PARA – Peter Simmons (PS)  
Anne Roberts (AR)  
Colin Eynon (CE)  
Judy Langhorn  
Roger Turner (RT)  
John Crowther (JC) CBC

#### **1.1 Apologies**

Arran Stibbe (AS)  
Fiona Clarke (FC)  
Hon Treasurer - Paul Weston (PW)

### **2. Minutes of Executive Committee (Excom) Meeting – 13 January 2007**

The minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were unanimously approved as being a true record of the meeting.

### **3. Matters Arising (Previous Minutes' reference)**

#### **3.1. Leaflet Drop (3.1)**

CE requested a list of Friends of Pittville (FoP) members to correlate with addresses during leaflet drops in order to recognise current members. Hon Sec will send this list to all Excom Members and reminded the committee of the provisions of the Data Protection Act. **Action: RP & all Excom Members**

#### **3.2. Bank Account (3.3)**

PW was unable to attend but sent a report that Income was £579, Expenses were £43, and Balance is £536.

#### **3.3. Small Grant Application (3.4)**

DH reported that she has discussed this with JC and is waiting for confirmation that proposed projects will not conflict with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) overall bid. DH to report back on further progress **Action: DH & JC**

#### **3.4. Young People's Heritage Grant (3.5)**

DP and JC informed the Excom about ongoing consultation regarding The Agg Gardener Pavilion Project with respect to funding and liaison with the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC). DP & JC to report back on further progress **Action: DP & JC**

### 3.5. Sponsors (3.6)

TM to follow up on contact with Chief Executive of UCAS.

**Action: TM**

### 3.6. University and Dunnally School Liaison (3.8.1)

No report was received regarding Dunnally School Liaison (AS absent). AS and DH please follow up and report back.

**Action: AS & DH**

### 3.7. University and Dunnally School Liaison (3.8.2)

TM addressed the meeting mentioned and has subsequently been in touch with the Vice-Chancellor on ways to incorporate an active involvement in the future of the Pittville environment into the University curriculum.

**Action: AS & TM to monitor**

### 3.8. Pittville School Liaison (3.9)

JL has contacted Pittville School but is waiting for a suitable large project to be proposed by Excom before approaching the school for support and active student involvement.

In addition, CE has observed a marked improvement in behaviour and demeanour of the students, which the Excom attributed mainly to the influence of the Head Teacher. The Excom agreed a suitable letter expressing this observation should be sent to the Pittville School Head.

**Action: JL**

### 3.9. Notice Board (3.12)

No progress has been made on repositioning the notice board to the Children's play area in the upper Park.

**Action: DP & JC**

(Note: at a subsequent meeting of the Maintenance Subcommittee with Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) on 12<sup>th</sup> April, JC has confirmed the notice board will be moved and that two others are being made, one of which will be sited at the cafeteria on Central Cross Drive.)

**Action: JC**

### 3.10. Mission Statement (3.13)

*“The aim of the Friends of Pittville is to promote greater community involvement in the enjoyment, protection, future restoration and renewal of Pittville Park and Estate”* is adopted as the FoP mission statement.

### 3.11. Maintenance Subcommittee (3.14)

Henceforth, this sub-committee will be known as the “Friends of Pittville Sub-Committee”. A report from the sub-committee is to become a permanent agenda item for future Excom meetings. **Action: TM & RP**

The sub-committee has asked that the minutes from these meetings with CBC are no longer posted on the website as it was felt that it inhibited expression of views by CBC employees. **Action: RP**

### 3.12. Application for Project Planning Grant (4) See Item 5

### 3.13. Co-operation with PARA (5) See item 7

### 3.14. Correspondence Received (6)

TM reported favourably on a meeting by TM, RP and DH with the Leader of the CBC Cabinet, Mr Paul McLain (PM), during which PM gave an insight regarding the status of the planning for the future of the Pump Room. Since some details are commercially confidential at this stage and a final decision is yet to be made, all that can be said is that the current nature of the Pump Room will be preserved but that it will be run more efficiently as a commercial concern. PM also undertook to provide timely CBC press releases to FoP for publication on the FoP website. To date, this has not happened. DH and DP please follow up on this. **Action: DH & DP**

3.15. **Heritage proposals (7)** See item 6

#### 4. **Reports from Liaison Members**

TM has reported to the Excom by email on the visit he and Geoffrey Pratt (GP) made to the Centre.  
See also item 7

#### 5. **Lottery Bid**

5.1. The initial bid to the HLF for a Project Planning Grant has been turned down. However, JC read the letter from the HLF to the Excom and the indications for a subsequent re-application in June are good, with some helpful indicators given by HLF as to how to improve the content and presentation of the submission. The letter from HLF also stated encouragingly, "We consider that this project has the potential to be an excellent fit to the Parks for People Programme and appears to be a very popular local resource."

5.2. The Excom wish to record their appreciation of the continuing excellent and professional efforts being made by the members of the Cheltenham Borough Council to secure HLF monies for the future of the Pittville Park and surrounding areas.

#### 6. **Projects**

6.1. The Excom had been tasked with suggesting possible projects for future consideration (Previous Minutes, Item 7 and via the Excom email forum). A consolidated list has been prepared and will be circulated by RP to the Excom members to place in order of personal preference. When all have contributed, the result will be published by the Chairman and will be adopted as the FoP preferred project list.

**Action: RP & All Excom**

#### 7. **Resignations**

##### 7.1. **St Vincent's Centre Liaison.**

Geoffrey Pratt will be moving from the local area and has therefore resigned from the Excom. CE has volunteered to replace him.

**Action: CE**

##### 7.2. **PARA Co-opted Member.**

PS has resigned in order to concentrate on other responsibilities. He will remain a member of the FoP Sub-Committee. Notice is hereby given that ratification of a replacement will be an agenda item for the next Excom meeting.

7.3. The Excom would like to record its appreciation of the work and commitment shown by PS and regret his resignation.

#### 8. **Any Other Business**

8.1. None.

#### 9. **Date of next meeting.**

1830, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007. DP please book the Sherbourne room for this meeting.

**Action: DP**