



Mina  
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Group

MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 13th December 2011,  
Parkway Methodist Church

**Present:** Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Iris Bolster, Mary Montgomery, Anne Devereaux, Jerome Edwards, Liz Osborn, Suzanna van Moyland, Greg Eynon.  
**Apologies:** Ivy Bolt, Carolyn Picton, Sally Seddon.

**Matters Arising:**

The knee-high railing around the play area in Ashley Street Park has at last been painted, and the rotten tree stump of the fallen rowan tree there has been ground out.  
The bin has gone into the kickabout area in Mina Road Park.  
Anne has reported the broken wildlife noticeboard in Mina Road Park to the council.

**Main Business:**

MRPG was very pleased to have Greg Eynon, Area Environment Officer, at the meeting. Greg thanked the group for inviting him and gave an outline of his role and an update.

Greg's role is the interface between park users, street cleansing and the various contracts teams. It includes all waste issues, fly tipping and graffiti. Regarding fly tipping, Greg recommends initially reporting it via the normal council telephone number, but then to let him know if no action is subsequently taken.

The verges were discussed, especially in James Street and Magdalene Place, which MRPG explained were a recurrent issue as they are so often littered, fly-tipped or unkempt.

- Greg will look into who has responsibility for these verges.

Greg also outlined the new plastics collection for households and the new waste contractor May Guerney.

The establishment of an Environmental Sub-Group for the Neighbourhood Forum was discussed, which could include MRPG, Narrowways, Transition Montpelier and others.

- Greg will let MRPG know about groups and individuals engaged in environment issues and green spaces in the Neighbourhood Forum area.

Greg also said that MRPG's application for funding of more Notice Boards, originally made to the Neighbourhood Partnership's Wellbeing Grant and then forwarded to Clean & Green, has had some success.

A walkabout with Greg and MRPG members was arranged for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, to look at the parks and verges.

Ashley Street Park:

Jane's Pond Ltd has generously agreed to donate a free picnic bench to Ashley Street Park. So MRPG selected their Woodland Bench design, which is long, robust, DDA compliant and a really fitting and welcome addition to Ashley Street Park.

- Greg will discuss this with colleagues at the council and write a formal letter from Parks, and then Hugh will get in touch with Jane's Pond Ltd. The best place for the picnic bench in the park will be discussed during the walkabout.

There were initial discussions about a possible event to raise funds for a new rowan tree, to replace the one that fell a few months ago.

- Suzanna to discuss this with residents and organisations in the immediate vicinity.

Mina Road Park:

Plans originally floated earlier in the year for herbaceous flowers to be sown on the island and wargrave pink geraniums between the line of trees by Mina Road are in hand with Hugh.

Sadly the park will soon lose the Copper Beach by the old bridge, which is only growing on one side.

Thinking ahead, MRPG discussed the planting of bulbs next November.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.