



Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Iris Bolster, Ann Devereaux, Liz Osborn, Jerome Edwards,
Mary Montgomery, Suzanna van Moyland.

Apologies: Ivy Bolt, John Stone.

Walkabout of Parks and Green Spaces 11th November

See report.

◆ Hugh will copy the report to Richard Stranson (Parks & Grounds Maintenance) and Paul James (Area Manager).

Actions arising:

- ◆ Hugh to invite Tim Chinnock (new Parks AEO) to an MRPG meeting.
- ◆ Hugh to flag up with Tim Chinnock section of wall with Duke of York above the grill. It's a bit frail, leaning and with new buddleia sprouting.
- ◆ Hugh to report re: verge opposite Better Food Co. (1) rubbish, and (2) broken rail.
- ◆ Hugh to follow up with Tree Bristol re: (1) replacement Rowan Tree in Ashley Street Park; and (2) dead tree on Gatton Road triangle.
- ◆ Suzanna to contact AEO Greg Eynon about Magdalene Place.

MRPG discussed the BCC Parks and Green Space Maintenance Monitoring Form and decided it wasn't useful for our monitoring and reporting purposes, because the form:

- (1) is designed for a single area, while our walkabout covered 9 green spaces, which would mean filling out 9 forms;
- (2) is a scoring mechanism 1-4, where 1 is 'poor' and 4 is 'excellent', which has no middle ground i.e. 'adequate' or 'as it should be maintained';
- (3) isn't designed for informal green space or verges;
- (4) omits crucial features of Mina Road Park, e.g. stream and bridge; and
- (5) has no space for any comments or additional information.

Mina Road Park

Arising from previous minutes:

There's no progress re: either the Community Noticeboards nor the replacement Wildlife Noticeboard.

Hugh and Roland will sand and oil the other wildlife board.

Tanya Saker of BCC's Environment Department got back to Hugh about the stream sampling (following the pollution incident last Spring). Water quality is monitored routinely monthly, and invertebrate monitoring was undertaken in Spring (routine), Summer (post-pollution) and Autumn (routine). The overview of collated and calculated data will be available in January 2013.

◆ Hugh to request both the sampling and biological data in January – to determine how well the brook has recovered and whether the sticklebacks and invertebrates have come back.

Adrian Murdoch (Landscape Group) had suggested to Hugh that an upstream grill would be an effective and efficient way to catch waste before it gets to the hard-to-reach grill at the Rosebery Avenue culvert.

◆ Hugh will get in touch with Tim Chinnock (AEO for Parks) and follow up with Adrian Murdoch.

Ashley Street Park

The new picnic bench is fantastic. MRPG's thanks to Pete Clark, Area Park Manager, and Andy Spargo, BCC Landscapes Co-ordinator. It's robust, excellent size and design, well positioned and the setting on rubber mesh (that the grass is growing out of), looks great. It's already being used and enjoyed, even in the colder season.

Hugh had emailed Tree Bristol to ask if they can plant a replacement rowan tree, and hasn't heard back yet.

◆ Hugh to email a reminder to Tree Bristol.

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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 13th November 2012,
Parkway Methodist Church

Other Green Spaces

The collapsed culvert in need of urgent repair at the bottom of Church path (that runs under St Werburghs Road) is still being discussed between BCC and the Environment Agency.

Any Other Business

Hugh will attend the first Neighbourhood Partnership Environment Sub-Group on Monday, and will report back to both MRPG and SWNA.

There will be a SWNA Annual General Meeting in January. Suzanna updated on SWNA's activity, invited further participation and asked MRPG to spread the word.

- ◆ Suzanna to check date of next SWNA Committee Meeting and Hugh to be invited.

Suzanna reported that the Traffic Group application for a Local Sustainable Transport Grant has had success – details, options and consultations soon re: Mina Road and Sevier Street. MRPG noted that Sevier Street lacks greenery and would particularly benefit from trees integrated into any traffic measures (rather than planters, which are labour intensive, not very environmentally friendly, and generally tend to be poorly maintained and collect litter).

- ◆ Suzanna to pass on contact details for Tree Bristol to the Michael, the Sevier Street representative on the Traffic Group.

Hugh reported that Heritage Grants are available for large projects (minimum grant is £100,000).

Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th December 2012, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church.

(We usually meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Parkway Methodist Church, Conduit Place — and welcome anyone who wants to become involved, either for one-off issues and events, or the longer-term.)