



*Mina  
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## **MINA ROAD PARK GROUP**

### **Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 14/1/14, Parkway Methodist Church**

Present: Hugh, Mary, Roland, Ronnie, Deni, Anne, Jerome, Tanja Helmold

Apologies:

Matters Arising:

Main Business:

*Art in the park* Tanja has previously done installations in MRP as part of the SWAT, and is now looking to create one permanent and one temporary work; she will sort out funding, and wanted our support. Meeting was entirely in favour, and suggested the permanent one be on the play area fence, between the gate and the hostel. She'll get back to us.

*Urinal* Hugh had contacted both the HLF and English Heritage to see which had funded the restoration in 2006. Both deny all knowledge of it, so it's a puzzle. However the closure threat has now been lifted in the revised city budget.

*Basketball net* This has now been fitted by Play. The group would like to thank Jill Batten for her prompt and cheerful cooperation in arranging this.

*Budget cuts for maintenance and trees.* There's an overall city -wide cut of £500000 for grounds maintenance, and all tree maintenance and planting monies have disappeared (except for H&S tasks). At the time of compiling these minutes there are still no details, except for the creation of a new £500,000 revenue fund for parks and play. No-one seems to know where this is coming from, or what it will be used for, but there is a hint that £100 - 150 000 will be allocated to trees. Details will not emerge till after the budget is approved on Feb 18th.

*Walking in Parks* See Bristol Parks Forum website for details of this. Ronnie suggested it would be useful to know the distance round Mina Rd Park for anyone looking for measured walks, so we now need to borrow a pedometer.

*St.Werburghs Park* Builders' waste is being dumped here from a house undergoing work which backs on to it. Roland has alerted Tom Penn (AEO), who's taken pictures for evidence if it proves necessary.

*Work days* Agreed we'd go for either 16th or the 23rd Feb, depending on the weather; we have another meeting before then, at which times etc can be sorted out.

Any Other Business:

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th February, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.**

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