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MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 19th July 2011,  
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Anne Devereaux, Jerome Edwards, Mary Montgomery, Liz Osborn, Iris Bolster, Suzanna van Moyland, Goska Ong, Judy Preston.

Apologies: Ivy Bolt, Rod Collier, Carolyn Picton, Sally Seddon.

Matters Arising:

Hugh contacted Tree Bristol about the Cherry Tree in Ashley Street Park, which has bacterial cancer, and they will replace it in Autumn.

Main Business:

Ashley Street Park:

The rails still haven't been painted.

Iris and Suzanna met to explore small grants via Sita's Trust for a single replacement piece of play equipment and a lick of paint for the swings, as it's a bit run down. The grant would require a small percentage of funding from another party. Suzanna emailed John Knowlson of Play at BCC for advice, but this doesn't seem like a runner, perhaps due to a misunderstanding about the scale of the grant (actually very modest).

Mina Road Park:

Anne reported that two panels have been knocked off the side of the bridge. It is temporarily boarded up. MRPG thanked Anne, who has cleared half a dozen bags of rubbish from the stream. However, MRPG regretted the high level of litter.

The silt build-up is apparently meant to occur in the natural snake (berm) of the stream.

The grass has been 'weed and feeded' and is vastly improved. The benches have been resurfaced.

It was noted that Community Parks Officer Miles Harris' email response to Sarah Agawal's enquiry about possible tree pruning near gardens in Rosebery Avenue was completely incorrect about BCC's own tree pruning policy, and he also got the name of the MRPG wrong.

- Hugh to email Miles Harris about these errors.

Picnic in the Park — Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 12-4pm:

Goska of St Werburghs Community Centre reported that plans are going well, funding has been secured and there's a press release. She showed MRPG a map of the different areas: Well-being; Workshops for Adults; Youth; Children; and the Stage area. Slots are still available for music and performance on stage, and spaces for creative initiatives. Also discussed were extra bins and power supplies. Hugh has volunteered to move items from the Community Centre to the Park in his truck. Iris, Suzanna and others volunteered to load/unload, set-up/clear up. MRPG members also volunteered for stewarding.

- Hugh will make enquiries, perhaps with Sita, about extra bins.
- Suzanna to email Goska the MRPG logo.
- Goska to send posters to Suzanna to distribute to MRPG members and friends to display in windows etc.

Brooks Planning Group:

Judy of the Brooks Planning Group referred to the May 2010 Community Plan compiled by the Brooks Group (available on the St Werburghs website). She gave an update and suggested that a member of MRPG be involved with the Planning Group's discussions with the owners of the Brooks site. It was decided that Hugh should represent the group. Hugh would like to propose extending Mina Road Park and moving the kickabout area to the other side of the stream, as he highlighted that the development would increase the number of children & young people in the area and the need for green space. Cycle routes were also discussed.

Any other business:

Re: MRPG's application to the Neighbourhood Partnership Small Grants for much-needed Noticeboards in and around the parks, Diane Dodds has suggested that it might be more suitable for funding via Clean & Green.

- Suzanna to email Penny Germon to follow up on this possible route for funding.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.