

Minutes

Meeting – Friends of Monkey Park

Venue – Monkey Park CIC, 128a Chester Street

Date – 10/4/19 6.30 pm

Present

Kevin Walker	Pat Kerley	Kaye Daryl
Janice Bather	Max Kerley	Rebecca Willis
Helen Gough	Gordon McLaren	Katy Towers
Claire Allison		

Apologies

Councillor Ron Mihaly Helen Sykes Kelly Sheldon
Karen Walker

1. All introduced themselves and identified why they are interested in improving the Chester Street Park, it was agreed that it was to improve the standard of the area, to minimise anti-social behaviour. To also generally improve the look of the park and its facilities.
2. Declarations of interest – None declared.
3. Election of Management committee the following roles allocated;
Chair – Kevin Walker
Vice Chair – Janice Bather
Secretary – Helen Gough
Treasurer – Claire Allison
4. Agree and sign constitution – completed KW, CA and HG
5. Banking and donations update – KW stated that the Just Giving page has temporarily been frozen due to issues with opening the bank account. Bank now has all information to open so is in progress. £80 donated already on Just Giving page. Councillor RM to donate £980 from Community Leadership Fund, to spend on community notice board, banners for railings, flyers, posters, promotion materials. This funding can only be spent on these items as a condition of being granted the funds. £60 donated by Blakemore Retail (Spar) for Easter eggs.
6. Fundraising ideas:

First of these being the bake sale to be held on 23rd April at Monkey Park CIC at 10.30am, have advertised this through social media, and posters Ideas for fundraising discussed, possibility of fun day on 14th July subject to permissions.

Possibility of Northern Tea Merchants naming a tea or coffee blend for the Monkey Park and sell this at CIC with commission. Maybe a MP ale from Brampton Brewery. Dance event possibly 70s 80s or wartime themed to fundraise. Look to local businesses to donate raffle prizes.

7. Public consultation on the park – this will be carried out by leaflet drop within the local area.
8. Other: Points of Action PC to research the origins of Monkey Park and how it got its name. KW to speak to Northern Tea Merchants
KW to look into public liability insurance and employers liability policy to enable FoMP to carry out events.
Look at involving the Muslim community by speaking to the local Imam to facilitate engagement.
9. Next meeting 8th May at 7pm Monkey Park CIC
10. Proposed agenda items for next meeting – Fundraising and Fun day.