

## Friends of Chances Park Meeting

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7pm-8.30pm

St Lukes Church Morton Carlisle

### Minutes

#### Present

Emma Richardson	Chair
Val Nixon	Secretary
Peter Brown	
Margaret Brown	
David Pennington	
PCSO Gontalet	
PCSO Garrard	
Kim Fitzmaunie	

#### Apologies

Marie Bainbridge	Vice Chair
Iris Rogan	

#### Agenda Item 1: Welcome

ER welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies noted.

#### Agenda Item 2: Apologies & Introductions

Apologies noted. New attendees introduced themselves.

#### Agenda item 3: Minutes from previous meeting 20.06.24

##### Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as an accurate reflection of the discussions.

#### Agenda Item 4: Action log

##### Matters arising from Previous Meeting

##### Tree Survey

Cumberland Council completed the tree survey and will remove unwanted trees from the park.

An application will be made before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 for new specific species trees.

**ACTION** - This will be agreed with the Council and Vice Chair.

##### Paths

The path near the family centre will be topped up/resurfaced. The Bridge will have the damaged boards replaced within 2-3 weeks.

**ACTION** – Cumberland Council – for maintenance on the park

#### Agenda item 5 – Reports/Correspondence

**Chair** – Emma thanked Iris for her hard work with the fundraising for the Labyrinth.

**Labyrinth** – Iris gave us an update on the fundraising so far. She has contacted the contractor and the price is now £55,000 of which £46,700 has been either raised or promised. She is applying to the Heritage lottery for £25,000. The £3,800 promised from The Friends of Chances Park has now been transferred into the Labyrinth account.

**Vice Chair** – Marie was not present at the meeting.

**Treasurer** – Frank was not present at the meeting. He had given us a hard copy of the accounts. Ring fenced funds for the Labyrinth are currently £30,000. Current bank account is £1,147.28.

**ACTION** – No action required

## **Agenda item 6 – Park Maintenance**

### **Gardens**

The council and Iris will arrange to walk around the park to highlight issues with maintenance. Probation will be back on site from September. It was noted that there were several complaints from owners that their dogs were getting ticks whilst on the park in the long grassed areas. Grass cutting will be looked at by the council.

Work in the gardens in 2025 will be subject to survey. A quote will be requested for the meadow area by Plantlife and Cumbria Wildflowers Ltd.

A signpost on Park Road was mentioned by David Pennington as being damaged and needs to be removed.

**ACTION** – Cumberland Council – for maintenance on the park, removal of signpost and quotations

## **Agenda item 7 – Police update**

PCSO Hardy and PCSO Garrard thanked for being invited to the meeting. Following from the previous meeting they advised that currently there is no funding available to renew the lighting and the current lighting has been stated as being adequate so not in need of being replaced. The anti-social behaviour on the park is low at present as there are more Police patrols the area. There may be more funding in 2025 and they will keep trying.

The ongoing issue with people on electric scooters and off road bikes is still a major issue in the area and the Police are working hard to try to locate and prosecute offenders. This involves using drones where possible and Richmond Green Park was mentioned as an area that could be investigated as it is large enough to use a drone without affecting houses nearby.

**ACTION** – Police to continue to look into funding for new lighting and areas for use of drones within the area.

## **Agenda item 8 – Events**

Iris thanked Marie and Val for their work on Facebook to promote the Friends of Chances Park - BMS fundraising event Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Morton Manor from 10am-4pm. Iris is still looking for volunteers to help on door, selling raffle tickets and general stewarding throughout the day.

**ACTION** – Iris – Volunteers to help on entrance

## **Agenda item 9 – Any other business**

**Treasurer Needed**

Frank has stood down in August 2024 as Treasurer. We would like to thank him for all his help over the time he has held this position. We are currently looking for a treasurer to help fill this role.

**Action** – New treasurer is to be sought.

Emma thanked everyone for coming.

**Next meeting is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 6.30pm.**

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm.**