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Minutes of the Friends of Kilburn Library Garden

Date: 6 December 2008

Present: Jay Venn, Carol French, Deborah Allen, Adam Webb, Rick Smallman,
Lucy Bell, Jerome Veriter, Carol St John, Linda George, Wendy Litchfield (minutes)

Apologies: Avril Macintosh

The meeting began by everyone introducing themselves to the new members

Matters Arising/Feedbacks

Garden Help – Avril did try to contact Guerrilla Gardening but has not heard anything from them and has also tried to contact the Probation Service again. Richard Gentry from the Queens Park has been in touch and is very keen to help but his time is limited. He will take away the rubbish bags when the road works are finished and can also provide us with spare bulbs when they have finished their planting.

Bank Account – We have just over £2,400 in the bank account. £80 is required for the plumber who relocated the tap.

Tree Surgery – Richard Gentry has again expressed an interest. Treecare can do minor works on the trees. However, if we can borrow a chipper from Richard Gentry for free, Jay knows a contact that would charge £300 per day and, if so, would do all the work on the trees.

Although Linda said that, at present, Council money is limited, we could use money from the project's funds. Jay will investigate this and also find out the cost of hiring a chipper.

Garden Tap – The relocating work has been done.

Shed – The shed has arrived and is still in its box. It is probably best to have a separate shed erecting day and the date suggested was Saturday 10 January 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Raised Beds – We have purchased the raised beds. However, the holes were in the wrong place and have to be re-drilled. It was hoped that the filling of the raised beds would be finished after the meeting. Small pieces of rubble need to be put in the bottom of the beds for drainage. Carol suggested that we should invest in soil and manure when the beds are finished.

Queens Park Day – This **raised** (not raided as stated on previous minutes) £91.56. The money was handed to Deborah.

Further Funding – The application for 'Awards for All' was discussed after the last meeting and we are now at the stage to send it off. Councillor Will Motley is our reference. £9,000 is the amount requested and Groundwork will be doing all the heavy work.

Ed once suggested that the Kilburn Community Choir could help raise funds by carol singing but we have not heard further from him. Jay will try and contact him.

Garden Themes – We have too small a space for a theme. It is intended that the space be used as a quiet garden for reading.

Website – We should keep looking at it to raise it higher up the list. The site does need some attention to look pleasant again. Jay will contact Andy who set up the website.

Health & Safety Training – We have to do this for Council purposes and Carol does thorough sessions. Carol intends to have a big training day at the February 2009 meeting and Saturday 21 February 2009 was suggested. Carol will e-mail the website to confirm this.

Leaves – As stated previously, we want to do a large amount of work on our trees. Treecare have quoted £300 but we could use this amount to pay Jay's contact and borrow a chipper from Richard Gentry or hire one. Richard's chipper might come with an operator.

Gardening Books – We were encouraged to try to take them out so that it appears there is a demand for them.

Next meeting is Saturday 10 January 2009 at 11.30 a.m. (The same day as shed erecting).