

Minutes of the Friends of Kilburn Library Garden

Date: 15 November 2008

Present: Jay Venn, Carol French, Sunshine Flint, Avril Macintosh,
Sheila Trezise, Jerome Veriter, Carol St John, Adam Webb,
Janet Powers, Linda George, Wendy Litchfield (minutes)

Matters Arising/Feedbacks

Garden Help – Adam mentioned a group based at Kensal Green called Guerrilla Gardening who could possibly help with digging. Their contact details are on their website.

Avril has tried to contact the Probation Service several times but has received no response.

At the last meeting, Richard Gentry from the Queens Park said he could help the project but he is very difficult to contact.

Bank Account – The account is now working and various amounts of money have been paid out.

Tree Surgery – As stated above Richard Gentry has expressed interest but we have not heard from him since last meeting.

Health & Safety Issues – In consideration for library staff, muddy shoes should not be brought into the library.

Digging Days – These will continue with monthly meetings throughout the winter.

Garden Tap - This was put in the wrong place. Jay has contacted the workman who installed it and it will cost another £80 to put it in the correct place.

Shed – We have ordered the shed and the company have tried to deliver it but there were problems due to the roadworks. The shed will be delivered once the roadworks have finished. Linda will arrange this.

Raised Beds – We have purchased raised beds and also compost bins.

Queens Park Day – Although on the edge of the main stalls, our stall raised £91.56 for the project. The library will hold this money until Deborah returns. Hopefully, next year we will have a stall in a more favourable position.

Groundwork – As we did not qualify for the upper level of funding, we are going to bid for ‘Awards for All’. Groundwork will come in and do the hard work for us like laying pavements etc. There will be no problem spending the money by March 2009. (The application was discussed after the main meeting.)

Funding – Ed mentioned previously that the choir could be used for Carol Singing and, evidently, they do raise large amounts of money. It was suggested the Ed be asked to arrange the carol singing with the choir.

Garden theme songs could be sung at the event.

Garden Theme – There is not enough room in the garden to have a large number of themes.

Website – The website is very good and people have to click on the site to see the minutes. The more hits it receives, the higher it will go up the list. Avril has taken many pictures but we need more written entries.

Health & Safety Training

Carol will continue to provide training every three to four months and for new members. (This is because of the litigation culture). Also people should bring digging shoes. Carol had a very successful training session last month and people remarked that it was very useful.

A.O.B

A man from the church next door came about the leaves from the tree. As there will be no more leaves this year, Linda said that we may wait until next year to prune the tree. However, others felt that it was best to prune it now to get the job completed. Linda obtained a contact number from Brent Council (Treecare) who have quoted £300 to crown the tree and take off some of the branches.

Jay said that she will get a special quote to get the job done properly. Linda will find out from Health and Safety, the policy concerning the tree.

Richard Gentry from the Queens Park (when we hear from him) could help with the tree

Linda said that people should be encouraged to take out gardening books as we have a good selection in Kilburn Library.

Carol said she can recommend books for the library e.g. a book on pruning and a big encyclopaedia for reference.

Next meeting is Saturday 6 December at 11.30 a.m.

The meeting then recessed to discuss the application form for ‘Awards for All’.