

LGA MINUTES OF PRESENTATION AND MEETING
Thursday 24 September 10.00am at Leechwell Cottage

PRESENT: Jim Carfrae, Dave and Janet Mitchell, Jeannette Willington, Robert Vint and Mike Jones (EarthWrights) and Jackie Francis (Groundwork)
APOLOGIES: Ed Vidler, Mark Chapman, Hilary Priest (Grove School)

1. INTRODUCTION

Mike Jones' presentation on play took the first half of the meeting, with a committee members' meeting afterwards.

2. PRESENTATION

Mike gave a wide variety of visual examples of the multi-use play experiences that his organisation EarthWrights (based in Harbeton) have created, mostly locally. He uses local suppliers, wood that is not chemically treated, involves children in the design and construction to create aesthetically pleasing structures, which are checked by RoSPA. His designs are multi-purpose and not limited to children's play eg pergolas, benches etc. The use of natural play opportunities and workshops encourage children's development. He also works with young adults. Questions during and after the presentation included costs, timetable, durability, potential use of felled eucalypt, and willow structures' maintenance. Mike was warmly thanked for his presentation.

3. DISCUSSION

During the subsequent committee members' discussion on the presentation, it was agreed:

- a. to ask potential tenderers, including Mike Jones, to quote for as many of the items on the community's delivery list as they could, rather than every element being supplied separately, in order to take advantage of
 - economies of scale
 - integrated rather than piecemeal design
 - simpler project management
- b. A visit to be arranged to see a local example of Mike's work
ACTION: SH
- c. SHDC to be asked whether funding available to support workshops
ACTION: JF
- d. SHDC to be advised of potential use of eucalypt
ACTION: SH

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes from meeting 10 August were agreed. SHDC actions had been raised at meeting 7 September. New appointees' skills? **ACTION: EV**

Minutes from meeting 7 September were amended as follows:

1. Date changed to 7 September
2. Additions to Process on page 2 after a)
 - i. It was agreed that EV, SH and JF would meet regularly with Alex Whish to discuss project management issues until project manager appointed (see below)
 - ii. Cover would therefore be needed to relieve SH's of some of present roles as secretary/deputy chair/co-ordinator

3. d) Funds: Only £1k of Charlotte's costs to be from S106 funds to date

MC was thanked for the minutes of a very detailed and complex meeting

5. MATTERS ARISING

a. All points concerning input/information from SHDC to be raised at meeting between EV, SH, AW and Ross (see above) on 8 October, 4.00pm, Follaton, JF unable to attend as on holiday. RV to be involved as back-up if needed.

b. JW has offered to take on some of the secretarial activities, with help from another committee member tba.

c. It was agreed that JW (with SP?) to circulate email/write to list of people interested in Leechwell Garden to inform of present position and invite new members to join LGA **ACTION: JW, SP (?)**
JW has been given money to help with project, to be passed to EV

d. MC to invite new households in Heath Way to join **ACTION: MC**

6. OPEN DAY

A sub-group needs to be set up at meeting on Tuesday 29 September (see below) to organise the proposed Open Day to show to the public the latest developments on open space in the Southern Area, to include Leechwell Garden, Heath's Garden, Moorashes and the Lamb. It is for the sub-group to decide when, where, who to invite etc. SH to invite Noni Mackensie, formerly of TTT admin, to help with the event. Others could include former DOS members such as Jan O'Highway and Derek Williams, plus one or more LGA committee members and Charles Fox. **ACTION: 29 Sept**

7. HEATH'S GARDEN

Anthony Harrison and Charles Fox to present their proposals for Heath's Garden at **BOGAN HOUSE** at 9.30 on Tuesday 29 September.

8. AOB

a. SH and JF met before LGA meeting to discuss how JF could best support LGA. It was agreed that JF would

1. continue liaison role between LGA and SHDC;
2. fill in a Groundwork project profile for amendment/addition to provide a basic project framework and
3. look into training courses for project and financial management to support community development, possibly with Business Link, based on and building on LGA's experience. **ACTION: JF**

b. It was agreed that the design of the car park and access to the entrance into Leechwell Garden from the car park, particularly for wheelchairs, needed to be revisited as a matter of urgency with Ross/Alex, Charlotte and SHDC Highways Dept. SH to send email immediately and raise at 8 October meeting

ACTION: SH

9. NEXT MEETING

After the meeting on Heath's Garden, 29 September, the following LGA committee meetings will be on last Wednesday in month at 10.00 am, with venue being shared by committee members; Dates agreed so far:

- Wednesday 28 October, at 10.00am, at Jim Carfrae's house, (name?) Kingsbridge Hill
- Wednesday 25 November, at 10.00am, venue tba
- Wednesday 16 December, at 10.00am, venue tba

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