

Friends of Dunwood Park

Summary of the Actions of the Friends of Dunwood Park: Sept 2008 to Sept 2009

In October 2008 we received the news of the provisional award by the Big Lottery/Heritage Lottery of £1,090,000 to the project for the renovation of Dunwood park. The committee were then informed on 31st Oct.

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2008/COMMITTEE311008.pdf>

On the 10th November the chairman and other committee members attended a meeting of the Shaw and Crompton Parish Council to provide an update on the progress of the bid and to request the continued support of the Council for the final stage of the project planning. The Friends group was unanimously congratulated on its efforts and the support of the Council was re-affirmed.

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2008/PCauddev101108.pdf>

On 15th November the Committee met with Keith Bennell, Steve Smith, Richard Vink, Euey Madden, Groundwork representatives and others to receive the information concerning the provisional award. At the close of this meeting the committee agreed to take on the responsibility for working with the community to promote awareness of the bid and the proposed renovations.

On the 22nd November the chairman and other members of the committee attended a meeting of the Area Committee of Oldham Borough Council. Keith Bennell made a presentation to the Area Committee to inform them of the bid progress. The members re-affirmed their support for the bid and offered their congratulations on the progress made to date.

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2008/COMMITTEE261108.pdf>

On Monday 8th December the chairman and vice-chairman met with Keith Bennell, Richard Vink and Euey Madden to discuss the response of the Friends Group to the need to promote awareness in the community. The Chairman outlined a proposal to create a Dunwood Community Partnership to provide an opportunity for individuals, groups, businesses, schools and societies to register and develop their support for the Big Lottery Bid. He presented a draft brochure and proposed the creation of a website in support of this. This was received enthusiastically by all present.

On Tuesday 9th December the Committee of the Friend group met to receive the proposals developed in the meeting of the previous day. The Committee unanimously approved of the proposals. All members committed themselves to the task of signing up partners over the coming months.

On January 1st 2009 the invitation to the AGM was circulated to members

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/AGMinvite010109.pdf>

The AGM took place on 15th January and was attended by over 60 members. The chairman addressed the meeting and introduced the Dunwood Community Partnership

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/AGMchairreport.pdf>

On 21st January the Committee met to formulate the strategy for the promotion of the Partnership. The website in draft form was introduced to the committee.

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<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/Committeeminutes.pdf>

On the 23^d April the Committee met to review progress on the Partnership. Members brought many completed membership forms with comments on the plans for the re-development of the park. Progress on the Website and developing contacts with schools and businesses was reported. Initial plans for a Fun Day to be held in the park on 12th July were discussed and responsibilities allocated.

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/COM100409.pdf>

The Chairman was invited to judge the posters designed by pupils at Rushcroft Primary School urging people to support the renovation of the park. All these excellent posters were displayed for 3 weeks at the local library and then made available for display at the Fun Day. The posters were copied to the website.

<http://dunwoodpark.com/images/Posters/index.html>

On the 2nd of July the Committee met to finalise the details of the organisation of the Fun Day

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/COM220609.pdf>

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/EventPrep.pdf>

An advertising strategy for the Fun day was agreed

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/Advertising.pdf>

This included a letter to the editor of the local paper.

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/COMchron020709.pdf>

On the 9th July members of the committee met with Richard Vink and to discuss the progress of the bid. Richard Vink reported that at a recent meeting of the Lottery and the Parks Dept the progress of the bid was seen as well in line with expectation. The area of audience development which we have responsibility for was regarded as “ticking all the right boxes”. In particular the Fun Day and the development of the website, with the associated Partnership, were seen as pivotal to our efforts. We will need to populate the website with as full a record of the actions we have taken during the period of the Bid.

<http://dunwoodpark.com/documentation/fod/2009/COMinforeport.pdf>

On the 12th July the Funday took place with the attendance of the Mayor and the Chairman of the Parish Council and entertainment from The Buckstones Primary School brass band and the RAF Cadets’ Band. The draft plans for the renovation of the park were on display and manned by Keith Bennell and Euey Madden. Friends committee members also promoted the partnership and 120 new partners were signed up on the day.

The development of the website was reviewed and the chairman worked with a web designer at no cost to the Friends to develop a revised version on:

www.dunwoodpark.com

The Friends will attend the Information Day on 20th September and promote the Partnership on that occasion.