Take a Pride in Rosyth Group
Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2015 in Rosyth Parish Church

Present:  Dot Wright (Chairperson), Sandy Masterton (Treasurer), Martin Rogers (Secretary), Steven Leckie, Stuart Donnelly, Ruairidh Murray, Jacqui Kemp, Joyce Sinclair
Councillor Mike Shirkie
Visitor John Ives (Rosyth Model Ship Club)

Apologies:  Maralyn Donnelly, Danielle Mayne, Lynn Hoey, Andrew Haworth and John McQueen

Minutes of previous meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September were agreed as a correct record as proposed by Sandy and seconded by Stuart.

Matters Arising

Arches in Park
Mike is trying to set up a meeting with Graham Mair which he, Dot and possibly Tim Bishop (if available) will attend. Mike has spoken to Tim and he is looking out the sketch of the arch which he had prepared some time ago.

Adult Gym.
Martin produced the design of the sign for the adult gym which is now ready to be erected. He was meeting with John in the park the following day to discuss its location and Dot said she would also be available to attend. John also has some bird boxes which can be put up in the trees round about.

Lighting of Skatepark/MUGA
Following on the discussion at the previous meeting, Martin and Sandy explained that the group had not been billed for the £1,150 for consultants’ fees and this sum would not fall to be reimbursed.

Financial report
Sandy said that some £11 had been received in bank interest bringing the total in the account to £69,279.

Applications to Muir Dean and Fife Council
Martin had received emails from Lynn and Stewart Christie of Fife Council advising that our application to Fife Community Works Programme for £23,000 towards the cost of the boating pond had been successful. This means that the tender documents will have to include community benefit clauses committing the contractors to taking a trainee or trainees to work on the project. Martin had received no communication from the Muir Dean Trust but understood that the meeting due to be held that night had been postponed yet again because of the chairman’s illness.

Progress with Projects

Boating Pond
The grant from the Community Works Programme will bring our funds to some £92,000 which was sufficient to meet the cost of the boating pond estimated at £77,000. It was agreed that we should advise Andrew that we wanted to move the project ahead to tender stage. Because of the experience with the adult gym it was felt that we should make it clear to Fife Council that we were expecting better
communication between the Council and the group with regard to the contract, particularly any financial implications. We would also be looking for the Council to closely supervise the works. A point raised at the last meeting although not specifically minuted was the possibility of creating a continuous concrete edging to the pond by means of shuttering rather than using individual coping stones. John Ives mentioned that recently someone had been lifting chunks of the tarmaced path and throwing them into the pond. Dot had been frustrated in her attempts to arrange a meeting between Dobbies and John/Andrew but will keep trying.

**Extension of Skatepark**
Once the boating pond project was under way it was agreed that we should look to resurrecting this project. There was then a wide ranging discussion on the public park and some of the issues arising from anti-social behaviour. Mike outlined some of the steps he was pursuing to have a more active police presence, to penalise dog owners whose pets foul the park and to improve lighting and surveillance around the library and community centre. Martin pointed out that another of our cherry trees by the burn had been snapped off. Steven suggested an even larger litter bin by the skatepark to accommodate pizza boxes.

**Feedback from Facebook**
Steven had nothing to report.

**Any other business**
John Ives drew attention to the group of Muslims who had carried out a litter pick in the park recently and suggested we send a letter of appreciation to them. This was agreed and Steven said he could provide a contact. Mike had recently met with Oceaneering and had been trying to encourage them to establish links with the various community organisations. He asked if he could supply our group’s contact details and this was agreed. Martin’s email address would be the means of contact. Martin suggested we need some additional plates for the 2 major park signs to indicate the way to the adult gym. Arising from this, Mike suggested that notices on the lines of the one we had prepared for the adult gym should be put on the MUGA and skatepark to let the public know that our group had been responsible for providing them. Martin was asked to come up with a form of words and circulate it for comment. Steven said that the main park sign on the pavement outside the community centre had been vandalised.

This was the last meeting of the group which Stuart would be attending as his move to London was imminent. The group were very sorry to see him go and expressed their thanks for the contribution he had made to the work of the group.

**Date of Next Meeting**
This was arranged for Wednesday 25 November at 6.45 in the Parish Church.