

Environment Group

Minutes 6.2.17

1. Present C Hargest, J Statham, A Ghiocel
Apologies : G Jardine
2. Welcome
3. Minutes approved (26.11.16)

Actions update:

- a. Val Bygate has arranged a clothing reuse scheme for quality items, (awaiting more details) other items for Rag Bag and uniform items to the Thrift Shop (JS)
 - b. Eco money: £50.50 plus Rag bag funds - admin to email CH the amount (JS) to help ensure it is spent – eco fashion show needs funding.
 - c. Travel Plan action points to be done by Pupil Council 8 February (JS)
 - d. Swift nest boxes - Amey have refused permission to allow them on the building
 - e. Damaged bike shed was repaired in December
 - f. Pond garden – more weeding needs to be done (JS, CH)
 - g. Cobbles - to wait for transition and new S1 intake to place them in river(JS)
 - h. Hyacinth bulbs £35 raised by staff sales & £90 concert/ dance show
 - i. Litter bins - to contact council and ask for more or bigger bins with support from Elaine Aitken (CH)
 - j. Fuchsias need to be moved from tubs and plant out in Celebration garden as failing to thrive
 - k. Bird boxes cleaned out, cleared litter and some weeds in Pond Garden (CH, RG)
4. Firrhill News continues and notice boards updated regularly (CH)
 5. Green Flag Award achieved.
Well done everyone special thanks to Helen Barley and Carolyn Hargest
 6. PC funding requests granted **and now purchased:**

Compost £40

Mulch £40

Bird food £40

Laminate pouches £13

Ink £80

Paper £4

Drawing pins £3

Bird boxes and fixing costs £60

Planters £500 was granted but now PC decided to apply for a community grant for 4 small and one large and PC if grant given will fund £250 plants and £30 mulch

Funds are available to spend on:

Hyacinth bulbs £40

Plaques fixings £50

Notice Boards £120 (this item is on hold as foyer is being refurbished by school)

Unfortunately £90 previously allocated for meadow plants was not spent within the time period and was forfeited.

7. Craiglockhart Church Guild Fair - did not attend

8. HMD plaque still awaits costings from Amey (DH)

Anne Frank Plaque - HT suggested D&T should assist with AF plaque regarding fixing. £50 PC funding obtained. Environment Group would like to be consulted before final decisions made. RG suggests mounting on the retaining wall in dark brick would be good. An alternative is to mount it in cement (CH)

9. VAO glasses/sunglasses annual collection to take place in March.

Could we get more community groups involved?

Email sent to Pentlands Primary HT and Waverley Care, Milestone.

10. Perimeter planting planned to increase nectar for bees - approved by JS

11. "Concert for bees" could be arranged at Craiglockhart Parish Church with Sherlock violin or Conan Doyle Quartet.

Similar event took place at Greyfriars Church in 2013

12 Polystyrene food boxes in Food Technology – could there be a more environmentally friendly alternative? JS to ask Ros Ranger (JS)

13. Purple Pinkie polio vaccination campaign by Rotary Club - planting purple crocuses. Firrhill involvement may not be possible as Interact Club chose a limited number of projects each year says JS

14 Garden – builders' rubbish and litter in gardens remains a problem and drain hole not yet well covered Celebration Garden. Group reported to David Hall (DH)

15. Other eco related projects

- Virtual Hive still available M Ayers to ask staff/science club about this (JS)
- Urban Flora Project HB keen to get Eco Committee involved. (HB, JS, CH)
Photography club not currently running but these pupils may like to be help with Urban Flora (JS). Photography club was run by Kris Reid, Computing
- Litter campaign: Environmental Wardens are unable to help with school Litter Campaign – plan to contact Catriona Egan SW Neighbourhood Team (CH)
And John Pennycook (school police officer - Paul Robertson on sick leave)

16. AOB

- Dual use signage now in place- need photos of use (CH)
- Joint environmental project run by geography and Science for S1 in new curriculum
- Eco year planner to be given to JS and sent to Mrs Moir so eco event dates can go on bulletin every year (CH)

17. Date of next meeting

08/05/2017