

Waterfront park upgrade group

Monday 6th March 2017

Present:

Trish smith, Elena Meredith, Peter O Halloran, N icky McBride, Mike Kininmouth, Graeme Stradling
John Fountain, Tim Hawthorne, Janet Taylor

Trish welcomed all and said that this group had been going over 2 years but there had been a break and it was time to pick up and begin again to make sure we kept the park in focus. Trish then began with explaining why she was involved in Waterfront Park, everyone then in turn explained their interest. Elena made comment that in fact the interest in that area went back as far as 2004.

Graeme went on to explain where we had got to before all was put on hold while waiting for TDC to make decisions about the future of that area. Pictures of tables that Canopy design and TDC approved were circulated. Prices of items were discussed. Everything is expensive. Janet asked that we approach TDC about retrofitting the concrete seating with wooden slats as Richard had earlier suggested. Everyone agreed that we needed to make the park a place that people were drawn to. A valuable asset to our village.

Tim made comment that signage is need to conceptualize what the park is for. After very much discussion it was decided that the grant received from Rata needed to be spent by Mays deadline and it was decided that tables and some other items for play area would be a good place to start.

Elena mentioned the money from the Aquarium and it was agreed that it should go towards something in the children's section of the park in recognition of the loss of a much loved attraction.

Graeme will talk to canopy about other options for tables in design.

Tim, Graeme and Nikki are going to look at tables and John, Janet and Elena would look into play areas. These two groups to report back at April 3rd meeting with costs and proposals. Trish would then take these to the Association meeting prior to the results of TDC surveys being released. Peter would continue to head the exercise components and Mike agreed to help with grants applications

Elena asked Peter to give thought to where the petanque could be moved to if the ramp goes ahead.

Trish to talk to Richard TDC about our plans and send him copy of minutes.

A positive meeting, finished 8.50pm. Next meeting 3rd april 7pm