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Dumped Items	0808 100 3366	Rubbish, furniture, traffic signs, shopping trolleys, etc..
Litter Problems	0131 664 8330	Environmental Task Force Manager for Meadows & Tollcross
Park Wardens	0131 332 2368	Vandalism to trees, turf, seats, playgrounds, monuments
Pathway Lighting	0800 23 23 23	Non-functioning lamps - quote lamp post number or location.
Police/St Leonard's	0131 662 5000	Disturbances, fires, vehicles parked on grass, vandalism
Graffiti	0131 200 2000	Graffiti removal (Council)

## Newsletter 13 - Summer 2006

### Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links

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**T**he Summer meeting and AGM will be held at the Meadows Croquet Club on 19th June at 7.30 pm and will be followed by a Guided Tour of the Meadows led by Max Coleman.

#### Quartermile update

Construction is progressing well and on programme with the contractor having completed the concrete works on Q12, which is the tallest residential building on site.

Refurbishment work has commenced on the existing medical wings and scaffolding has been erected to carry out stone and roof repairs to the first two blocks. This will be followed by internal structural works and finally fit out for the residential apartments.

Work has also started on the extensive infrastructure which has to be carried out to create new gas, water and electrical networks as well as the formation of roads, footpaths and gardens. The phase one works will be completed in time for the first occupations with the remainder of

the infrastructure following closely behind.

Following completion of the basement superstructure for 1 Quartermile Square, the first office building fronting Lauriston Place, Sir Robert McAlpine have now been appointed to complete the building by constructing the superstructure, fixing the cladding and implementation of the internal fit out. Their programme will run until July 2007.

Finally work has commenced on creating the links from the site through onto Middle Meadow Walk with the first temporary hoardings having been erected to provide a working area. These will include the formation of the new electricity substation within the site but with access from Middle Meadow Walk.

#### We Need New Members:

**W**Do you know of anyone who is interested in the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links?

Why not ask them along to our meetings or tell them about our web site <http://www.fombl.com>

## **Meeting of Working Group of 28 February 2006—Matters arising**

### **Use of jogging path**

To note:-

- (i) that the planned remedial works had been unsuccessful and that the matter would be investigated further with a view to ensuring satisfactory completion;
- (ii) that the “measured mile” sign had now been retrieved and would be reinstated; and
- (iii) that there would be a report back to the Working Group on future remedial works.

### **Pavilion Near Jawbone Walk**

To note that external painting was about to commence and that a site meeting would be held regarding the internal works required, with a report on the long-term plans for the Pavilion to be submitted to the Friends of the Meadows in due course.

### **Tree and Bulb Planting – (Section 75 Agreement)**

- (i) that negotiations were ongoing with Quartermile on tree planting and other works required on Middle Meadow Walk;
- (ii) the amendment of the company's plans for treatments, including the installation of railings of a sympathetic design of the side of Middle Meadow Walk owned by the City of Edinburgh Council;
- (iii) that 40-50cm girth trees would replace any removed by the company and that the tree planting would be completed by April 2007;
- (iv) that it was anticipated the development would be completed by May 2007;
- (v) that the company continue to be pursued on the matter of their plans for the junction of Middle Meadow Walk and North Meadow Walk, due to have been submitted within one year of permission for the development being approved;
- (vi) that the matter of the remaining details of the development, including uplighting of statuary, be raised with the company; and
- (vii) that Quartermile be invited by City of Edinburgh Council officials to attend a future meeting of Friends of the Meadows to present their proposals.

### **Festival Use of the Meadows**

- (i) following protracted negotiations with the promoters of the Ladyboys of Bangkok, it had now been agreed that their tenure of the site would be 4 weeks, as opposed to the 6 weeks they had requested;
- (ii) that it was not possible to set a flexible reinstatement bond that would both be suitable for all events organisers, but also reflect the high revenue realised by the larger shows; and
- (iii) that the show promoters be contacted to suggest the tracking on the grass be moved 2 weeks into their tenure to allow faster recovery, thus reducing their reinstatement costs.

### **Cycling on Non-Permitted Paths**

To note that the Access Officer would address cycling issues as part of the current paths audit, with a possible “recommended route” for cyclists being devised, given that it would not be possible to forbid cyclists from using paths.

### **Monument at West End of Meadows**

To note that the matter was being addressed

### **Plans for the East End of the Meadows, Including the Magnet Play Area**

that, despite concerns expressed at the last Working Group, the Tennis Club had confirmed it had no objections to the plans for this exciting and innovative project that would include artistic designs for traditional as well as multi-use seating;

- (ii) that the finalised plans would be subject to a consultation process, the consultees to include Friends of the Meadows, South Side Community Council and South Local Development Committee;
- (iii) that the tendering process would be carried out during the summer;
- (iv) that progress on the railings had been slower than anticipated but that the stone and metalwork had now been completed to a satisfactory standard;

### **Path Naming**

To note that these matters were being addressed and that Sciennes Primary School would be happy to be involved in the naming of the path.

### **Deputation by Sciennes Primary School Board Chair Regarding Playing Surfaces**

- (i) That the Convener write to the Directors of Culture and Leisure, Children and Families and Services for Communities, asking for a report on the feasibility of providing multi-use sports and changing facilities in the existing Meadows structures to continue to encourage school pupils and young people to become engaged in sports.
- (ii) To note that the Friends of Sciennes School Trust would be willing to participate in the project on a partnership basis

### **Park Rangers**

To note that Park Rangers' responsibilities included informing users of the legislation applicable to the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links and that contravention might mean prosecution.

### **Drinking in the Meadows – Article in “Scotland on Sunday” 30 April 2006**

To note that the Council intended to initiate a byelaw intended to control individuals whose behaviour while drinking impinged on the enjoyment of others using areas such as the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links.

### **Cottages at the East End of the Meadows**

That the boundary of the land surrounding the cottages be confirmed before progressing the matter.

### **Meadows Festival**

to note:

- (i) the renewed interest in re-establishing this community-run event, subject to the appointment of an administrator; and
- (ii) that there would be an option to apply for Local Development Committee grants to assist with funding.

### **Convener**

To note that Councillor Bob Cairns was now the Executive Member with Responsibility for Environment and Streetscape and it was likely that Councillor Ricky Henderson would relinquish the chair of the Working Group given this change in responsibility.