

Friends of Portswood Rec

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 14 May 2025

LE in the Chair. GL minutes

1. **Apologies:** Pauline Prentki (Tony Ridley attended his first Committee Meeting)
2. **For Approval:** The Minutes of the Public Meeting of 12 February were approved.
For Noting: The Minutes of the AGM had been circulated to the Committee. LE asked for any comments before they are placed on the website as unconfirmed.
3. **Matters Arising:**
(item 4) Safeguarding and Code of Conduct. GL reported that these had been finalised and were on the website. The link had been circulated to all working volunteers.
The Application form was on hold pending the development of a protocol. BP had been asked to assist but was too busy at present
(item 5) April 1 Quiz. LA confirmed that just under £300 had been raised after taking out expenses. Trago was considered a good venue. There was general support to repeat it next year.
(item 6) Play Park. BP and the Sub Group were congratulated on the successful 9 May launch. There had been a lot of positive feedback. BP was awaiting the invoice for our £11000 contribution from SCC. There was a surplus of £400 some had been used towards refreshments the remainder will be held over for future projects.
4. **Urban Wild 27 May (Rec 1030 to 1230) and 1 June (Common):** the Committee thanked TR for taking the lead on both events. TR, GL, LE had met to finalise arrangements. If wet the May 27 event would be held in the Scout Hut. A £25 Co-Op voucher would be used on the 27 May for refreshments. A stipend of £75 was available to pay Puppet Back Up. Posters and Fliers had been commercially printed.
5. **Summer Children's Events:** TR had formed a Sub Group and activities had been agreed for the first Saturday in June, further discussions would be had about the first Saturday's in July and August. Some resources may need to be purchased but much was in hand – overall expenses should be minimal.
6. **Future plans and fund raising priorities:**
 - A discussion paper listing possible projects had been previously circulated. LE led discussion to identify priorities but it was realised that the task was not going to be completed easily. The merits of bike racks, a pond, welcome signs and notice boards were discussed but there was no agreement. There was little appetite for a further Committee meeting so it was agreed that GL, LE and BP would meet and feedback proposals.
 - There was a potential Solar grant opportunity pending for nature based activities.
 - BP tabled a proposal from SCC for a corporate welcome and information board at the Grosvenor Rd entrance to replace the existing notice board. BP had been asked

for a decision within a week. The Committee were divided on its merits BP asked for email feedback asap.

7 Any other Business

Kelvin Wyatt – GL reported that Kelvin had left SCC a thank you email had been sent. It was agreed to give him a £30 Waitrose Voucher in recognition of help provided to the Friends.

Public Committee Agenda 2 July – Agreed that this would comprise general reports and more discussion on funding opportunities.

First Aid – GL had no response to a request for qualified first aiders from the working volunteers. He was the only current First Aider. Agreed GL should investigate cost of training an additional first aider. GL reported that the First Aid kit was date expired it was agreed he should purchase a replacement.

Insurance – LE reported that renewal was due. Last year an additional premium was paid for transferring money. This risk was not now considered proportional to the cost of additional insurance.

8 Next Meeting

Public Meeting 2 July 2025 at 19.45 in the Scout Hut, Brickfield Rd