**Friends of Glen Gardens Committee Meeting 20/11/18**

**Apologies S**ue Freer;Chris Gethin;Chris Rafferty; Adi French;

**Resignations** Following their move from York Les and Celina Gee are resigning from the committee. However they will continue to work on the Mosaic Garden. John will send a letter of thanks to them for all their hard work and commitment to Glen Gardens.

**Ping Pong**  Nothing to report.

**Candlelight Procession December 15** Sue has offered to form a sub-group to manage this event.Julie and John M have offered to help. Various aspects of the event were discussed. Sue has contacted Buffy and Susan Saunders about the music. So far no reply from Buffy but Susan has the carol sheets. Julie will contact local primary schools to see if any children would like to participate.

Steve is organising the purchase of banners for the event.John M raised the issue of people waiting in the cold if they arrived at 3.45 and the march did not start until 4.15. so the wording was altered so people could arrive from 3.45.

Food for the event was discussed and it was agreed that Sue and Chris would liaise about this with gingerbread people purchased from Bookers.

**Finance** Steve reported that there would be few expenses before the end of the year, apart from a small amount for leaf blowing costs.

**Helen’s Bench** Liz showed a photo of an arch which Eleanor’s friends have in their garden. This was greeted with enthusiasm by the group and Liz undertook to find out more details if these are available. It was agreed that the £ 250 donation from Co-op Funeral Care should be used for plants around the bench.Paving people are to return and carry on as per original plan.

**Issues raised from the Kiosk meeting**  Improved fixed seating was suggested. Wooden tables with fixed seating cost about £2-300.Permanent better umbrellas are needed. The council would need to be involved, to secure the tables and seating and to give their permission.Planters would improve the appearance of the Kiosk area. The issue of watering these was mentioned, but if the planters were watered when the kiosk was open, this would be sufficient.Although awning was seen as desirable it was agreed that the Kiosk structure would not support an awning.

**Gardening Issues** Following the Treasurer’s report which indicated there were £2446 of surplus funds which needed to be used and as had been discussed at the last meeting,there was a lively discussion about employing professional gardeners to sort out the beds,which are not looked after by volunteers. This would involve removing unwelcome saplings and all the usual suspect weeds like ground elder ; thinning out perennials where they have expanded too much; replanting where necessary; covering the beds with bark. It was concluded that if the gardening group are in agreement, the gardening group should proceed to obtain some estimates from some professional gardeners. Once the esimates are received the gardening group can make a choice, which can then be passed back to the committee for the group for their consideration.

**Petang** Originally it was agreed that Efro’ s group would be playing 3 times a week but now they are only playing on Sundays and Tuesdays. It was agreed at the last meeting that the key for the toilet and store will be held at Ascot House and collected and returned there. This was reiterated .Dave Meigh will publicise public use of the Petang court.

**Mosaic Garden and Play Area.**Nothing new to report.

**Website and IT** Karen Thomas is to be invited to next meeting as she is taking over Twitter and will start to promote the Lantern event.John F will edit Karen’s aims of Fogg.The Website is to contain approved minutes.

**City of York Council** Tile on Kiosk roof which needs replacing has still not been sorted.

**Notice board** John F. to deal with this.

**Leaf Blowers** More volunteers are required. So far 10 ton bags hve been collected. Another session is planned for Saturday 27th November.

**Date of next meeting. January 22nd 2019**