

**Meeting Notes, April 10<sup>th</sup> Friends Group Committee Meeting.  
6-8pm Morrison's community room.**

Present – Linda, Isla, Mariana and Kirsty  
Apologies – Ellie and Sue.

A thankyou to Mariana for bringing refreshments and biscuits.  
Feb meeting notes and AGM notes to be circulated for approval

**Correspondence** – new membership requests all accepted, add to the mailing list.  
NEP's funding proposal for walled garden water supply and cycletrack improvement acknowledged but as yet the new North West locality planning partnership is yet to be organised and unlikely to meet until June.

**Garden visit feedback** – everyone really glad to see inside the garden and realise what a task lies ahead of us. Many photos taken on the day to be added to the album begun in January with our first visit.

Thought wise to record changes as we go along.

Area most likely to be tackled first due to least site prep needed is the grassland central to the walled garden (if overhead electrical wire warning issued to any sessional workers and volunteers)

Action – added possible dates to the horti workstream for site preparation and some possible drought resistant crops to trial. Quinoa, heritage peas like Black Badger and Boddingtons, Amaranth and winter squash seeds purchased from the Real Seed company.

**Workstream 2017 timetable** – six headings now including publicity, local involvement and awareness raising. Feedback is that this format is understandable and adaptable for the group members to add ideas.

Action – publicise via our mailing list, wordpress site, FB and twitter that the garden is accessible now for restoration work and small group visits by invitation only until the garden is a bit safer.

**Business Plan** – Community Enterprise representative Douglas Westwater to forward a synopsis of their organisation, past work and service they could offer.

Action – Committee to meet with Douglas on site visit 20<sup>th</sup> April (see dates below)

**Funding** – A4A being completed by end of April to cover business plan costs, secure shed, sessional work and tools. (plants?)

Action – Sue to complete with a bit of help from KS and GP.

**Horticulture Workstream** – end of April indoor sowing of tender crops in pots somewhere? Site prep of central demonstration area and possibly mini hugel bed for some strawberries.

Services and water supply, initial contact made with Scottish Water to look at taking in a mains water supply.

Action – add to workstream timetable and discuss with EDI at next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 10am. Fill in application form for Scottish Water as best we can.

**AOB** Wardie Bay Beachwatch contact made by Sue, also with the Marine Conservation Society. Idea to 'adopt a beach' with Royston Bay opposite the walled garden and perhaps host a beach clean with help from the Scottish Gas Volunteers who wish to do a 'big day' in May (perhaps combined with work at the garden too) and in partnership with the history branch of Madelvic Hub to celebrate the waterfront history trail and tie in with the 'burning of Edinburgh' in 1544 and attack on Granton Castle.

13<sup>th</sup> April EDI meeting 10am at Madelvic House

18<sup>th</sup> April three hustings on relevant subjects.

20<sup>th</sup> April – possible site visit with Mushroom Trust project assessor, RBGE biodiversity officer, Head of Parks and possibly structural engineer to look at the brick bases of the greenhouses.

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May – Radical Herbalist Gathering at NEArts.

People's Museum of Memories – invite to add something to represent the walled garden.