

# **Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden Committee Meeting**

## **Action Note of the Meeting on 28/6/2016 at the RBGE Gardeners Cottage.**

### **Present**

Kirsty

Linda

Isla

Liz

Graeme

Alison C

Mariana

### **Apologies**

#### **1 Minutes of Last Meeting**

Accepted

#### **2 Matters Arising**

2.1 Mariana to contact GIS following their offer to meet with us, preferably before further plans.

2.2 Survey still open, some discussion of how many responses and what they indicated. Agreed would download interim results to inform committee members.

2.3 Some discussion of adverse comments on-line and how to best to deal with this.

2.4 Feedback of meeting with Cllr Gavin Barrie the new Chair of Waterfront Edinburgh (EDI) with Kirsty, Ellie, Linda, Graeme, and John. Much more positive, but can't give any assurances about the Walled Garden. Agreed however to try and get the Board to take the Garden out of consideration as housing in their current outline plan as a housing area. Also agreed to visit another walled garden nearby which is being run for the benefit of the community as an working example of what can be done: Redhall Walled Garden Would try to get the full Board to agree that the Friends could make a presentation to the full Board on saving this 'jewel'

3 Meeting with City Archaeologist – this is being arranged for the 5<sup>th</sup> July for the Friends to discuss potential archaeological matters in and around the walled garden. Several members of the committee agreed to attend.

4 Meeting with MSP Andy Wightman to be arranged. He has expressed interest in seeing the site and discussing the way forward and what support he may be able to give. Kirsty to arrange suitable date.

5 Historic Environment Scotland have agreed to give what support they can (non-political) by writing to WEL/EDI to explain what they have done and are planning to do for the Friends as part of their Scotland's urban Past project.

6 Graeme had spoken to the Cockburn Trust who were interested in the garden being open for the 2017 Open Day (if safe and open).

7 RBGE have contacted us as they are planning an exhibition in 2017/2018 about the Shore and would like to include the Walled Garden in this. Kirsty to arrange a suitable date for meeting them.

8 Funding sources were discussed.

9 Expenditure (list tabled) was approved.

10 Petition to save the Walled Garden – discussion about how to increase up-take to get to the number required by the Council for consideration. Kirsty to re-tweet and others to re-circulate.

11 Agreed some publicity at local community sites.

12 Linda handed out some business cards with the Walled Garden website etc which she had been able to obtain.