

2021-2022

Structure

We started collaborating with Friends of Victoria Park (FVP) in Sep 2019, holding joint committee and public meetings.

At last year's joint AGM, FVP Chair Doug Smith announced that FVP was folding, with the current officers remaining in post to deal with the dissolution of the group and transfer assets to the Friends of Clarendon Park group.

We agreed that meetings would continue to be held as joint FCP & FVP meetings through to the end of 2021, reverting to FCP only meetings from the beginning of 2022.

Roles

The three statutory roles within FCP were held as follows:

- Chair: Ian Brown,
- Treasurer: Bart MacCarthy
- Secretary: Steve Thomas

We agreed that Doug Smith would remain a member of the FCP committee in the role of FVP Chair until the dissolution of FVP was completed.

Organisation

There was no change to our meetings schedule:

- three Public Meetings (Feb, Jun & Oct)
- six Committee Meetings (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov)

Meetings

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions all meetings were held online via Zoom.

We held three Public Meetings: the Annual General Meeting in June 2021 plus Members Meetings in October 2021 and February 2022.

We held six Committee Meetings: May, Jul, Sep & Nov 2021 plus Jan, Mar & May 2022.

	YEAR	
	2021-22	Notes
A. Opening Balance	£289.87	
B. Income		
Donations	£946.30	FVP Bank Balance
Membership Fees	£270.11	58 members
Grants	£688.00	Noise monitoring equipment
Total Income	£1,904.41	
C. Expenditure		
Room Hire		
Stall Hire		
Printing		
Equipment	£687.71	Noise monitoring equipment
Consumables		
Public Liability Insurance		
Domain		
Donations		
Grants		
Guest Speakers		
Systems	£247.90	Zoom, MemberMojo, Hosting
Total Outgoings	£935.61	
D. Annual Surplus (B - C)	£968.80	
E. Closing Balance (A + D)	£1,258.67	
Balances:		
Cash	£37.00	
Bank	£1,184.82	
PayPal	£36.85	
	£1,258.67	

Notes:

FY runs 1st Apr - 31 Mar

2021-2022**Membership**

Implementing MemberMojo has reduced the work involved in membership management and has made our income from membership fees less variable and more predictable.

We began the year with 55 members, with 10 new members joining and 9 leaving (mostly due to moving away from the area), so finished the year with 56 members.

Accounts

We began the year with an **Opening Balance** of £289.87

Income was £1,904.41, consisting of:

- one donation of £946.30 representing FVP's closing bank balance
- membership fees of £270.11 (up 8% on last year)
- one grant of £688.00 from Castle Community Fund

Expenditure was £935.61, consisting of:

- £687.71 for noise monitoring equipment
- £107.99 for our Zoom subscription
- £40.00 for our MemberMojo subscription
- £100.00 for FVP website hosting

We generated an **Annual Surplus** of £968.80 leaving us with a **Closing Balance** of £1,258.67, comprising:

- £37.00 in cash
- £1,184.82 in the bank
- £36.85 in PayPal

Note:

We aim to keep membership fees at as low a level as possible while break even and maintaining a small positive balance. Although our Annual Surplus and Closing Balance are much higher than in previous years this is almost entirely due to the income (and expenditure) associated with FVP, without which we would have had a more typical Annual Surplus of £122.50 and a Closing Balance of £412.37

2021-22**Meetings**

In addition to FCP's three Public Meetings and six Committee Meetings, all held on Zoom, we attended:

- one Castle Community Meetings (Oct 2021)
- three UoL Community Liaison Meetings (May & Sep 2021, Jan 2022)

Speakers

We invited guest speakers to our public meetings:

- Matthew Finch – Electric vehicles (Jun 2021)
- Adam Clarke – Transport in Clarendon Park (Oct 2021)
- Martin Fletcher – Queens Road Regeneration (Feb 2022)

Collaboration

Following the decision to dissolve FVP, our collaboration morphed into FCP picking up FVP's interest in Victoria Park. As Chair of FVP, Doug Smith remains on the FCP committee until FVP has been fully dissolved. The only remaining work is to merge the websites, which we had hope to complete by this meeting, but this work is still ongoing.

Planning & Licensing

We continue to monitor LCC's weekly reports for those in Clarendon Park, identify which one warrant action, write briefings on these application and circulate these to members via email and more widely on social media. We support members with advice in navigating the planning and licensing systems, support them in formulating written representations, and make verbal representations at planning and licensing committee meetings.

Consultations

We also monitor LCC's consultations hub. Where consultations are relevant to Clarendon Park we usually submit a response from FCP and encourage members and others to do the same by circulating these via email and on social media. Where consultations don't warrant a response from FCP, we encourage members and others to make their own personal responses.

Projects

Funded by a Castle Community Meeting grant, we have recently purchased equipment to enable us to monitor noise levels in the area. We'll mainly be using this equipment to monitor 'noisy' events on Victoria Park, but it can also be used to monitor nuisance noise in more domestic situations.