

THE DOWNS COMMITTEE

Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861

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The Lord Mayor and 6 City Councillors

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Councillor Cleo Lake
Peter Abraham (C) Barry Clark (L)
Donald Alexander (L) Kye Dudd (L)
Chris Davies (LD) Paula O'Rourke (G)

The Master and 6 Merchant Venturers

Charles Griffiths (Master)
Jonathon Baker James McArthur
Francis Greenacre Mary Prior
Anthony Kenny Tim Ross

Dear Member,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Downs Committee** to be held at **11.00am on Monday 2 July 2018 at Merchants Hall, Clifton Down, Bristol BS8 3NH**

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf and the supporting documents are attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Agenda

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Introductions**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April 2018**
To be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Public Forum**
To consider items of public forum sent to the Downs Committee. Interested parties can submit a written statement of approximately one side of A4 to the Downs Committee by sending it to Democratic Services democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 29 June 2018
- 5. Improving Protective Measures For Pedestrians At The Clifton Suspension Bridge And Avon Gorge**
(Will Stephens, Avon and Somerset Constabulary)
- 6. Downs Management and Events Report**
(Ben Skuse, Melissa Inman)
- 7. FOD+AG Report**
(Robert Westlake)
- 8. Any Other Business**
- 9. Date of Next Meeting**
The next Meeting is the on Monday 24 September 2018 at 2.00pm and will be held at City Hall

Bristol City Council Minutes of the Downs Committee

9 April 2018 at 2.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Lesley Alexander (Chair), Peter Abraham, Donald Alexander, Clare Champion-Smith, Barry Clark, Kye Dudd, Cleo Lake

Merchant Venturers:- J Baker, F Greenacre, C Griffiths, J McArthur, M Prior and T Ross

Officers in Attendance:-

Mandy Leivers, Jemma Prince, Ben Skuse, Melissa Inman, Oliver Harrison

Others in attendance in whole or part:-

Robert Westlake (FODAG); Chris Goodsall

1. Apologies and introductions

Apologies were received from Cllr Kye Dudd and Tony Kenney. Cllr Clare Champion Smith has stood down from her position and will no longer attend Downs Committee.

2. Declarations of interest

James McArthur declared an interest as a Bristol Zoo shareholder

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Downs Committee 22 January 2018 are agreed as a correct record.

4. Public Forum

1. Licence for Zoo Parking – Susan Carter – Downs for people

Downs for People is a group of individuals who think using the Downs as a car park is contrary to the Downs Act and intent behind the Act. We want all parking on grass areas of the Downs ended. There is no licence granted to the Zoo. There also appears to be no published report about licence. We feel that as a



public body, the Downs Committee should make discussions related to the parking public. If parking is not ended, it should be at a realistic fee. If it is about income generation, we suggest that charges for the permanent car park of the zoo should be increased.

Statement was noted.

2. Conservation of Turfed Areas – Simon Ferguson

Statement was noted.

5. Matters Arising from Events and Finance Group

Sea Walls Development

Jonathon Baker and architect Chris Goodsall introduced plans for building a visitor centre at the Sea Walls, near or on the site of the public toilets. This is intended to make an iconic statement on downs. It is to be seen as a social enterprise, training young people on site in the café and providing Mandy Leivers with a base for her education work. The design incorporates both private toilets (maintained and used by café) and accessible public toilets. In terms of cost, the building estimate can be met by reserve, but also trying to access capital budget BCC. Also have access to a grant that would cover 1/3 of the budget.

RESOLVED – the following proposals were approved by the Committee

Spend on bollard repairs (cost to be determined by BS)

£6k spend on grass seed for maintenance

Change of charges to University Football on the Downs

Change of charges to Downs League Football

Up to £10k spend to obtain pre-planning criteria for Sea Walls development

Up to £10k spend on survey/structural engineers report for Football Changing Rooms

Intent to create plans for the conversion of Stoke Road toilets to office/retail unit or similar

Water Tower Café rent review should be done by BCC as soon as possible

Cleaning of Sea Walls/Blackboy Hill toilets to be taken on by Executive Cleaning (£11,031.19pa) plus the

Unlocking and locking of the Seawalls' by St Monica's staff at £3,650pa

Downs Committee thanked Jonathan Baker for his hard work on these projects

6. Matters Arising from Place and Movement Group - Seven Sisters Loop

RESOLVED – Downs Committee approved works on the Seven Sisters loop for progression

7. Rethinking Parks - Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation



Report was noted

8. Downs Management Report

Events Update

There was an emergency meeting of the Events and Finance sub-group to discuss plans for the upcoming Tour of Britain. Sub-group was joined by Guy Fishbourne (BCC Sport) and Heath Harvey (Sweet Spot Chair) for a detailed presentation. Proposal was also looked at by highways to reduce disruption / road closures. A start and finish point on the Downs is desirable. Will support the Tour by waiving road closure fees and site fees, but there will be a reinstatement bond to repair any site damage. Tour wants an event village by the water tower, featuring catering, charities, etc. Plans to involve city-wide sport and work with schools in local areas. Important to manage access and lay trackways to lessen damage.

RESOLVED – Downs Committee welcomes the Tour of Britain, with a preference for a start and finish location on the Downs. The events sub-group will meet if required to handle the details.

Cycle Sunday event approved.

Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project Education Programme Update

Mandy Leivers presented an update on the education programme. There is a new education officer, who is doing well. Walks and talks have experienced some disruption due to the poor weather. We are constantly trying to expand our audience to show the Downs is for everyone in the city. This includes a new project working with Syrian families (the first event will be this Sunday). We are also running a programme of walks for older people from East Bristol which is about tackling isolation and improving physical and mental wellbeing. Our first event in the Downs Challenge programme, for young people, was a great success.

Maintenance Update

Ben Skuse presented an update on maintenance. The recent poor weather, including significant snowfall has caused issues. Our team and vehicles helped to move people in snow and provide services to vulnerable people. There were problems with Funderworld setting up for an early Easter in boggy ground. My team currently covers cleaning of public toilets until the contractors take over. Happy to say that we have recruited the 5th team member vacancy, who has joined us from Sea Mills on a 3 month trial.

The Bridge Trust has requested Downs Committee approval for the toll booth construction compound. Committee stressed the importance of establishing the start and end date for the compound.

RESOLVED – Downs Committee agree the compound in principle, but recommend that Bridge Trust build in a penalty clause at the end of the contract for any overrun with a charge of £200 per week.

Review of security patrols for the Downs was discussed. This included the possibility of clamping cars illegally parked on the Downs, possible private contractors that could provide a service, or a joint venture with the University's security patrol.



RESOLVED – security arrangements should remain in current state for this year, but Ben Skuse should negotiate for a change of service for 2019.

ACTION – OH to contact David Bunting to discuss what enforcement options the Downs Committee can employ.

9. Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge Report

Report was Noted

10 Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge Report

AOB

a. Members asked that a letter be sent to Clare Campion-Smith expressing the committee’s best wishes for her retirement, and thanking her for her service as a member of the committee, including chairing the committee in 2015-16 when she was Lord Mayor.

b. The Lord Mayor thanked the committee for their support over the last year. On the motion of the Master, the committee agreed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor in recognition of her work in chairing the committee.

Meeting ended at 3.40 pm

CHAIR _____



Improving Protective Measures For Pedestrians At The Clifton Suspension Bridge And Avon Gorge

Outline:

Chief Inspector Chegwyn has been working with senior managers from Avon Fire and Rescue Service and South Western Ambulance Service, the Bridgemaster Trisha Johnson and representatives from Bristol City Council, third sector agencies and families bereaved by suicide for some time. The intention of this work has been:

- a) To identify apparent trends in the identification of the Gorge area as a chosen suicide spot
- b) To address instances where a series of suicides are linked to a particular establishment (you may have noted the recent national media coverage relating to the University of Bristol on this subject)
- c) To consider if there is anything we can reasonably achieve to reduce risk of harm at the site

Specific proposal:

In 1998, barriers were installed on the Bridge which significantly reduced deaths by suicide from the bridge. We feel we can achieve further significant reductions in deaths and serious injuries by developing unobtrusive protective measures at the gorge.

Given the value of the bridge and gorge, we accept that we are highly unlikely to be able to identify a physical solution (barriers etc.) which is acceptable to the relevant preservation bodies and land-owners which would **completely prevent** suicide and also not adversely impact tourism.

However, we do believe there are steps we can take to **improve existing provisions**. In talking about the site, I refer to three specific areas which are: The Observatory, the Bird Watchers' site and the Sea Walls. All three locations have some natural protection in the form of low metal railings, variable quantities of prickly foliage and in places, improvised repairs constructed from wire mesh.

We will explore physical measures which can be taken at the site which would have

- Limited visual impact
- Improved deterrence for distressed people seeking to self-harm
- The facility for existing users of the site (bird watchers, climbers etc.) to safely access it without making the area more appealing for distressed people

Our intention is to seek a general agreement from the Society of Merchant Venturers and the Lord Mayor on behalf of Bristol City Council (along with any other bodies you recommend) that they will give consideration to any measures we identify and fully debate whether or not they might consent to some structural improvements at the gorge.

Should we receive such an assurance, we will then seek similar assurances from Historic England, Natural England and the Clifton Suspension Bridge Committee regarding their willingness to consider such measures.

We would like to investigate measures such as:

- Permitting increased growth of appropriate spiny or prickly plants to unobtrusively block easy access to the cliff edge
- In specific places, fitting slightly taller and significantly more robust wrought iron or steel railings
- At certain sites, fitting appropriately sourced and constructed glass panels to allow views and discourage inappropriate access

We believe that attempting to source the funding to do this, it is appropriate and sensible to learn if key stakeholders like the Council and the Society would be willing to consider such suggestions.

We expect that any practical work on this issue would require the Working Group to look at sourcing funding from a broad spectrum of agencies, charities and organisations.

I look forward to hearing from you on whether or not this subject can be included in the agenda for the next meeting of the Downs Committee.

Police Sergeant 4016 Will Stephens
Mental Health Liaison Officer
Chief Constable's Staff Office
Avon and Somerset Constabulary

AGENDA ITEM NO:

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

DOWNS COMMITTEE

2nd July 2018

Report of: Service Director, Neighbourhoods and Service Director, Culture

Title: Downs Management and Events report

Ward: N/A

Officers Presenting Report: Melissa Inman, Senior Events Officer
Ben Skuse, Downs Supervisor

Contact Telephone Number: 0117 9037141

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Policy

Not applicable

2. Consultation

a) Internal

John Williams, Area Manager North.
Becky Belfin, Parks Development Officer
Sarah Blazier, Operations Coordinator North
Ben Skuse, Downs Supervisor
Gemma Dando, Service Manager
Melissa Inman, Senior Events Officer

3. Events Report; provided by Melissa Inman.

3a) Filming

Date	Company	Amount
18/04/2018	Brief Media Ltd	75.00
20/04/2018	Sketch Events Ltd	175.00
02/05/2018	Omni Productions	225.00
06/06/2018	Tusko films	45.00

3b) Event & Festival Updates

Since the last Downs Committee meeting, we have had the Foodies Festival and Let's Rock. The Foodies Festival had a capacity of 999 people at any one time whilst

operating on the 11th to 13th May 2018. Bristol City Council Culture Team received a higher level of complaints than in previous years from residents regarding noise.

The Foodies Festival de-brief meeting with Bristol's Safety Advisory (SAGE) is will take place July 13th 2018. This meeting provides an opportunity for the event organisers and members of the SAGE to feedback and review the 2018 event and discuss future planning.

This was the first year Lets was held on the Downs with a capacity of 10,000 at any one time on the 2nd June. This event was attended by a Site Permissions Officer and an Event Officer during key times at the event. Complaints have also been received regarding noise. The organisers will also be required to attend a de-brief with the SAGE in July in order for SAGE members and event organisers to feedback and review the 2018 event.

In addition to the SAGE de-brief meetings officers from the Site Permission, Environmental Health and Licensing department at Bristol City Council will be reviewing complaints received and can provide a further update once completed.

3c) Proposed future events 2018

- Race for Life will be returning to the Downs in 2018. In previous years, the Site Permissions team and the Parks team have received complaints regarding the parking at this event. Ben Skuse from Parks and Zoe Walmsley for Site Permissions, met with Race for Life to discuss the parking issue. It was recommended to the organisers that public transport would be the best option of transportation to and from the event. Race for Life have agreed to advertise a 'no parking available' for their event. This event will be onsite from 30th June to 1st July.
- Gromit Unleashed 2 will be placing some statues on the Downs as part of their arts trail. There will be 3 statues placed on the Downs for this event. They will be onsite from 2nd July to 2nd September. The Grand Appeal together with Aardman will be launching a brand new arts trail in Bristol next year following the international success of their previous two trails, Shaun in the City and Gromit Unleashed. Bounding back onto the streets of Bristol for his second starring role in the sculpture trail is Nick Park's much loved character Gromit, but this time he's not alone, the lovable canine will joined by his pal Wallace and arch nemesis Feathers McCraw.

From Monday 2nd July until Sunday 2nd September 2018, over 60 original sculptures will descend on Bristol and will raise money for Bristol Royal Hospital for Children Special Care Baby Unit at ST Michaels Hospital.

a) Sion Hill (where Gromit was, Princes' Lane/Sion Hill Corner, Clifton, BS8 4LD)



b) The Downs, Stoke Road near Downs Water Tower



- The Downs Concert will be returning in 2018. This will be a one day event only for 2018. This event pulls onsite on the 24th August to 7th Sept; the event day will be the 1st September
- The Student Union Welcome Fair will be operating in 2018 dates is still to be confirmed. A meeting will be set up with the organisers regarding the fees for this year.
- The Russian Circus will be returning to the Downs. Their tender agreement has been extended another year. The dates for this event are still to be confirmed.

3d) Finances

2018/2019

The income for 2018/2019 between April to July is £50,653.75. £43,055.69 of this (85%) is allocated to the Downs parks budget.

Site Fees are based on the schedule of charges 18/19.

4. Parks Update

4a) Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project Education Programme; provided by Mandy Leivers.

From April to June we engaged with 8,076 people through the education programme. This

included: four guided walks, two courses, a musical event for toddlers and a children's holiday event. In May, we also ran an 'Ups and Downs in the Avon Gorge' walk in partnership with the Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge (FODAG) as part of the Bristol Walk Fest.

During this period, we taught 195 University students, 976 school children (with three of the schools visiting the Downs for the first time) and two Rainbow groups who visited for evening education sessions.

We ran our first two sessions with refugee families as part of the 'Wild Adventures Family Project' (this is the project that we are running in conjunction with Bridges for Communities, the Bristol City Council Inner City and East Bristol Health Improvement Team and FODAG, as part of the Audience Development Plan). The first session was an introductory session which included a pre-project focus group for the adults and a children's wildlife craft workshop. The aim of the focus group was to ascertain the participants' current level of wildlife knowledge, awareness of the Avon Gorge and Downs and connection to nature so that we could shape the future sessions to their interests. Two members of Bridges for Communities translated for us. Later, we gave a talk about the wildlife of the Avon Gorge and Downs which was well received.

Our second session was a guided walk on the Downs. We explored the route between the Lord Mayor's mansion and the Suspension Bridge talking about the history, flora and fauna of the area with some sensory activities for the children. Two members of Bridges for Communities translated what we were saying into Arabic. It was a great success with the participants giving us really positive feedback.

As part of the Audience Development Plan we also began a new pilot project called 'Roots to Wellbeing' (a programme of guided wellbeing walks for elderly members of the community from St Paul's and Easton). In May, we visited 'Sammy's Pop Up' project in St Paul's with a FODAG member and the Inner City and East Bristol Health Improvement Team co-ordinator. This gave us a chance to meet the group, give them a talk about the Avon Gorge and Downs and tell them a bit about the project. Later in the month we held our first walk on the Downs. Unfortunately only five people came on the day (probably due to cold weather and a forecast for rain). Despite this, the walk was enjoyed by all who did attend; we saw the hawthorn in full bloom and heard blackcaps and chiffchaffs singing before enjoying lunch together at Café Retreat. Hopefully the attendees will report back to the group and encourage more people to come along to the next walk.

We also held our second 'Downs Challenge' session with Imayla (a project that supports children facing difficult times). We led the children on a tree trail identifying 16 different trees, had a picnic by one of our Bristol whitebeams, made tree spirit sculptures and played a sensory game to explore individual trees using touch. One child reported that it was the one of the best trips she had ever been on, and all seemed to have a great time with the group playing really well together and getting involved with the activities with lots of enthusiasm.

We also attended two public events. In May, we took part in the Clifton Suspension Bridge's 'From garden to gorge' event, taking along our range of leaflets and talking to visitors about the wildlife of the Avon Gorge and Downs.

In June, we took along our display and leaflets and ran wildlife activities for children in the Bristol Zoological Society tent at the Bristol Festival of Nature. This included making masks of wildlife found on the Avon Gorge and Downs and giving children the opportunity to role play at being young ornithologists, weighing and measuring life size toy peregrine chicks before ringing them and returning them to their 'nest.' Our section was hugely

popular with 7,276 people visiting the tent over the weekend.

4b) Management and Resources

Downs Team Report; provided by Ben Skuse.

The first half of the summer has been busy as usual. The large proportion of the work that the team carry out at this time of year is based around litter removal and grass cutting. In order to keep the grass in check we are pretty much mowing continuously throughout May, June and July before the lack of rainfall in the second half of the summer slows the grass growth down.

Our areas of wildflower meadow look particularly good in June and I can certainly recommend to members to go and have a look if they are in the area.

In between events (Foodies and Lets Rock), we have been carrying out remedial ground repair works. However it is only really from June onwards that the Water Tower site gets a bit of a break and the grass seed and soil that has been added can have a chance to bed in. Much of the damage though is superficial discolouration and will heal itself from now on.

All the Football pitches have been re-seeded with soil added to the goal mouths and other worn areas.

Goat monitoring continues daily with help from FODAG volunteers on weekends and bank holidays. Our remaining 4 are doing well and I sincerely hope that the troubling incidents of last year are behind us due to increased vigilance, talking to the public walking dogs in the vicinity and more signage.

During May we have trialled the use of designated re-cycling bins on the Downs. These have been placed in key areas during peak times when the sun is out around weekends. There are some operational difficulties that need to be worked out between myself and Bristol Waste company to enable this important trial to continue and discussions are ongoing about how best we can continue this provision which I certainly believe is worthwhile and needed.

Members may note that there is no council provided summer bedding in parks this year due to budgetary pressures. This is city wide apart from College green. I have had discussions with ex Bristol and Clifton in Bloom colleagues who believe they can come up with some plant provision from local businesses for our beds at the top of Whiteladies Rd.

Since the last meeting we have managed to fill the vacancy in the team and are now back to a compliment of 5 staff.

Update on Toll Houses Redevelopment – Clifton Suspension Bridge Trish Johnson (Bridge Master)

The tenders for the above works have now been received and the Main Contractor will be appointed soon following final checks.

Enabling works have been ongoing at the bridge over the last few months – these works involved the construction of a temporary pathway, diversion of services and erection of the temporary toll houses and signage. The main aim of these works was to reduce the programme length on the main contract.

It is envisaged that once the contractor is appointed work will start on site within a week with the compound being one of the first areas of work.

The programme for the works has significantly reduced and it is envisaged that the compound on the Downs will be in position for nine months. The proposed dates will be end of June to end of February 2019.

Once the Contractor has been appointed I will come back with final dates. The Trust as well as the Downs Committee is keen that the work progresses as efficiently as possible.

5. Public Sector Equality Duties

5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

6. Legal and Resource Implications

The Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861 provides that the Downs should remain as a place for the resort and recreation of the citizens of Bristol, and that a committee should be appointed to manage them. The recommendations of this report are within the powers conferred by this statute.

7. Land: The land is under the control of the Downs Committee.

8. Personnel: Not applicable

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: None

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Report of the Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge.

JULY 2018

FOD+AG welcomes the opportunity to update the committee on our most recent events and some of the activities planned for the coming weeks.

We remain committed to our core values to represent fairly all legitimate users of the Downs and to support the City Council and the Downs Committee in the good governance of the Downs.

As reported at the April meeting FODAG volunteers committed to the repainting of the Downs White Tree. The work which was completed early in May caught the imagination of Radio Bristol and FOD+AG volunteer Richard Bland gave a very informative interview.

Action shots of FOD+AG volunteers appeared on several social media sites.

The Downs Commoners have made a further financial contribution to the Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge. This is in addition to the donation reported at the April meeting. The Commoners generosity will be used to support Downs related projects including a commitment to bring parties of less privileged children from across the City and give them the chance to enjoy the Downs.

FOD+AG members have been encouraged to comment on the proposals to develop the Sea Walls site and others. As an organisation we offer our reserved support for projects that are sensitive to their environment, look to improve the visitor experience and have the capacity to generate much needed income for the Downs.

This summer FOD+AG volunteers working with our partner organisations will offer a record number of creative and interesting activities. Members will be able to attend talks on the geology of the Downs and Avon Gorge, learn how to

sketch the plants of the Downs with trained artists. Join our knowledgeable botanists for walks to explore and learn about the trees, wild flower meadows and the plant life of the Downs.

As part of FOD+AG's ten-year celebrations our members had an opportunity to demonstrate their artistic talents with an afternoon of 'Drawing the Downs' Experts were on hand to assist and give advice.

Early in September our goat monitoring co-ordinator Martin Collins and Ben Skuse will be at Redland Bowling Green to give a talk on the history, the progress and the future of the Goat and Gully Project.

The annual butterfly monitoring led by FOD+AG volunteers is once again underway. A cold and late spring discouraged the emergence of over-wintering adults leaving the Downs largely devoid of butterflies throughout April. Numbers picked up in May with sightings of several species including, Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma's, Brimstone, Speckled Woods, Holly Blues and Large and Small White and Orange Tips.

An interesting pattern previously observed in 2017 has again become apparent and involves increased similarities between species seen on the Downs and in the Gully. This could be a strong indication that the decision to use biological controls to return the Gully to a limestone meadow habitat is vindicated.

This is a significant development as Limestone meadows are one of the most threatened natural habitats in the UK.

FOD+AG are considering a proposal that could bring a totally new feature to the Gully. Our members have had an initial meeting with a local sculptor with a view to installing a wildlife trail that would utilise on site timber that has died as part of the planned action of the goats.

Felled or standing timber would be used to sculpt a series of wildlife representations. The trail could be a valuable educational tool and encourage even greater use of this special area.

Further details will be brought to the Downs Committee as the project develops.

