

Downs Committee
Matters Arising Events & Finance Sub Group Meeting
4th September 2019 at 12 noon

Below is a precis of matters that were discussed at the Events and Finance Sub-Group. Note that confidential items discussed within this group cannot be published. For Events, Maintenance and Finance updates see their respective reports in this pack.

Events Update Report

1. **Funderworld:** Organisers had recently met with officers of the Safety Advisory Group who had been satisfied with their cooperation over reported incidents. Funderworld were advised that any future event would require an approved plan for leafleting and advertising.
2. **Bristol Pride:** The event had been very successful at the Downs. The small number of complaints received regarding noise could be mitigated by an altered site layout.
3. **Downs Festival:** The organisers had now left the site. Attendance figures would be confirmed in due course.
4. **University Students Union:** The length of the use of the site in relation to the length of the event itself was noted.

Finance report

The finance report was received and noted. It was reported that there needed to be a plan for the future resilience of the tractor used for the Downs. Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED - that

(1) Parks officers were authorised to hire a tractor for a maximum of two months from the date of purchase.

Funding for the Avon Gorge and Downs Education Manager and Officer

The Sub Group received a report from officers of the Bristol Zoological Gardens and the Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project. It was proposed that a commitment of £27,000p.a. be given for 2020, 2021 and 2022 to enable there to be an application

for a £250,000 grant for a three-year expansion of the project through the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED - that

(1) It be recommended to the Downs Committee that contributions to the Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project be increased to £27,000 commencing in the current financial year 2019-2020.