

Minutes of the Fairfield Association Annual General Meeting held on 15th June 2016 at the Friends Meeting House.

Present: Hilary Short (Chair), Clare Austin, Mandy Bannon, Laura Booth, Andrew Brennand, Peter Callingham, Ken Capewell, Patricia Clarke, Glenys Ferguson, Paul Ferguson, Tony Finn, Ruth Haigh, Geoff Oliver, Jane Parker (treasurer), Dorothy Phillips, Gordon Phillips, Ian Procter, Mick Short, Frances Tordoff, Shirley Rawsthorne (secretary)

1. Welcome

Hilary welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dave Brookes, Sue Nieduszynska, Jon Payne, David Austin.

3. Minutes of 2014 AGM

The minutes were agreed.

4. Chair's Report

Hilary delivered the Chairs report:

- Fairfield celebrating its 20th anniversary.
- Thanks recorded to Geoff Oliver for his work on Fairfield Friends.
- Membership increased since last report.
- Thanks recorded to Ken Capewell and David Dawson for their work in the play area.
- Thanks were recorded to all associated with work on the nature reserve, to which there have been eleven school visits during the last year.
- Dallas Road School, in conjunction with the Fairfield Association, has won a BBC wildlife award.
- Fundraising continued successfully.

See report at Appendix A

5. Imminent Events

- Fun Day: Andrew confirmed that almost all arrangements were in place.

6. Treasurer's Report

Jane presented her report, and explained that 'restricted funds' refers to amounts that are ring-fenced for particular projects. Ian asked for the projects to be recorded in the report. Thanks were extended to Alan Burton, who had examined the accounts. Jane agreed to explore the possibility of moving the account.

See report at Appendix B

7. Membership Report

Andrew reported that there were currently 370 members of the Association, an increase of 106.

8. Election of Trustees and Officers

Hilary advised that advance notice of the election of trustees and officers was given in the most recent newsletter and the website.

Trustees Andrew Brennand, Dave Brookes, Michael Sheppard, Hilary Short and Mick Short were re-elected as trustees. Sue Nieduszynska continues to serve as a trustee.

Hilary was re-elected as Chair, and Jane and Shirley were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

9. Standing Item for Notification of third parties of change to trustees.

Nothing to report.

10. Short Flora, Fauna and FA report

- Mick reported that Northern Marsh Orchid had been found on the Reserve. He extended thanks to Fiona Sturgiss.

See report at Appendix C

11. Short FOTT Update

- Frances Tordoff reported that there had been thefts, breakages and tree damage in the Triangle.
- She advised that a boat had been donated as a play item, which needed major repair and modification to make it safe and fire-proof.
- The £10k Tesco grant will be spent on raised beds, butts, sleepers and compost bins, plus repairs to the gaps in the wall.

12. Short Playground Update

- Hilary thanked all members of the Playground maintenance team.
- The dog warden, and the PCSO had both visited; members were advised to photograph damage, and fouling incidents, and pass evidence to the police.

13. Any Other Business

- It was agreed that future meetings would continue at FHM.
- Officers were thanked.