

## **MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE ALDCLIFFE ROAD TRIANGLE. Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Present:** Dave Brookes, Mike Swan, Nicola Combe, Jim Combe, Martin Luke, Gillian Allen, Clare Gould, Frances Tordoff

**Apologies:** Jane Swan, Sheila Bliss, Duncan Bell, Phil Mitchell, Geoff Easton, Peter Callingham

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved

### **Recent Developments:**

- Auction board erected on site. Canal and River Trust are looking for a buyer for a 'ground rent investment opportunity'. We have a secure tenancy for another 27 years so 99% sure there is no cause for concern.

### **Bags of Help :**

#### **Railings:**

- Budget reworked and approval received to include the new railings into the Tesco funding.
- These are on order and should be installed in next 3-4 weeks.

#### **To Do:**

- More topsoil has been bought to top up the beds before planting.
- Irrigation system - still need to finish water butts and plan out pump and where the pipes run.
- Paths - started marking out. Advised not to edge but to compact soil and use a thin layer of stones.
- Bird boxes - Martin will look at putting these up.

#### **Planting:**

- Some beds planted, vines, roses and herbs to be ordered - Clare to confirm quantities.

### **Budget:**

- Probably still some unallocated Bags of Help funds - this will be used for tubs and additional plants.
- £1600 still available in general funds.
- Potential to apply for Lancaster University Wind Turbine funding for workshop upgrade (plastering, roof cladding, shelving etc).

### **AOB:**

- Jon Barry has approached us about hosting an Art Exhibition in the summer - need to tidy out the workshop for that.
- Events - propose Spring Fair / Grand Opening for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- Frances will produce minutes in Nicola's absence.

**Next Volunteer session:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Possible additional session 12<sup>th</sup> February if the topsoil arrives early.

**Next meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm at 10 Aldcliffe Yard