

Minutes of the Fairfield Association held on 18th January 2017 at Friends Meeting House

Present:

Hilary Short (chair)
Mandy Bannon
Dave Brookes
Ken Capewell
Tony Finn
Sue Nieduszynka
Ian Procter
Mick Short
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

1. Welcome

Hilary welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Andrew Brennand, David Dawson and Jane Parker.

3. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

- All the calendars were sold.
- Tony is has met Janine Conroy a tutor at Beaumont College, who has visited the Orchard and who is keen for their students to participate in some volunteering activities as part of the John Muir Award scheme. She is happy that wheelchair users will be able to manage to navigate the public footpath and we are now awaiting a Health and Safety assessment from the College. During the summer, students from the College may share visits from local primary schools.
- The map has been submitted to Georgina.
- The carol singing raised £310.35. Hilary thanked Steven and Kate.
- Wassail raised £147.

5. Treasurer's Report

In Jane's absence, the report was carried over to the next meeting.

6. Membership Report

There have been no new members since the last meeting.

7. Additional Items for Discussion

It was decided that the paths on the Reserve will be resurfaced in autumn, after the nesting season. The job will be put out to tender. There was some discussion of funding and the possibility of making a general appeal. It was agreed to ask Georgina to organise the tendering process.

8. Education

- Tony is working with Bowerham School on bulb-planting and habitats. It is proposed that the activities will form part of Science Week.
- The art teacher at Dallas Rd is to help pupils make some willow sculptures for the reserve.
- Ian asked about the dates of the scything course.

9. Other Events

- Volunteers buffet on 9th February 2017 at the Storey.
- Tony to organize the Easter egg hunt. TF

10. FOTT

- Dave is in correspondence with Tesco about funding for railings and paths.
- Dave has received an email from Julie Baines at Lancaster Valuation Office, agreeing that the FA is not liable for rates on the Aldcliffe Road Triangle.

11. FFOG

Dog and cycling policy has been reviewed and new notices will be displayed on the reserve. A woodland management plan is being drawn up, and will be discussed at the special February FFOG meeting.

Sue to supply the name of the new photographer who will work with Chris Workman on our photographic records .SN

Dave is still waiting to hear from RPA.

12. Playground

- Ken has checked and agreed the inspection report.
- We do need to provide new safety signs and will do so.
- Roundabout and the gate to be repaired in Spring and Ken will be informed when Jones are doing the service.
- The tape will be replaced on the climbing nets.
- Ken is looking into ways of repairing the gate to the toddler area.
- Wording required for new stepping stone. Hilary will liaise with Henry and Helen Hicks.

13. Correspondence

Sue to remind the Civic Society that Mick did a presentation last year.

Dave will ask Martin Ayrton for a bill for hedge-cutting.

14. Website and Facebook

Nothing to report.

15. Any Other Business

i) Tony is planning a storytelling session for families on 24th February. It was agreed that the FA is happy to profit from this!

ii) Sue suggested giving presentations about The Fairfield Association to the Marsh History Society.

iii) Eleanor Levin is a musician (her group is The Grievous Angels) who is also interested in local history and has contacted Mandy with the aim of staging a joint event in the Orchard. It was

suggested that. as a first step, we might suggest that her group might like to provide music at the Easter Egg Hunt.

iv) Carole Martin has suggested a Fairfield recipe book. Mick suggested the Fairfield Cake-Makers Recipe Book.. Hilary will liaise with Carol.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is at 19.30 on Wednesday 15th February 2017 at The Friends' Meeting House.