

Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on 18 April 2023 at the Tite & Locke

Present: Andrew Brennand, Dave Brookes, Hilary Short (Chair), Ian Diffenthal, Ian Procter, Mike Stevens, Sharon Diffenthal, Sue Nieduszynska, Sue Pope

1. Apologies

Geoff Oliver, Jane Parker, Mick Short, Tony Finn

2. Minutes from the last meeting

- These were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- Shed roof – due to finish before Easter, cost £8682 inc. VAT
- Wall at the back of the Orchard needs to be replaced – likely to cost £2000 – could be joint responsibility – Hilary to pursue
- More photos have been received for the new website – Sue N to send an email requesting photos for the calendar

4. Treasurer's Report

Bank balance	28.03.23	74,028	
	18.04.23	75,142	
Restricted funds	Lancaster University	91	
	Triangle	830	921
General Funds			74,221
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Significant income: Final payment from Single Step for calendars and cards – 2022 Calendars and cards in total £1952 – well done Sue N; Easter egg hunt made £287

5. Membership and Friends

- Two new members reported this month. So, there are 407 members in total.

6. Playground

- Several fund raising initiatives underway:
 - should get £3000 from County Council via Young People's Champion
 - request for £300 towards pizza event
 - request to University Wind Turbine for £5000
 - request to Jigsaw Housing for £18 000 for the playing surface
 - one of the Tesco local community projects – could get £500, £1000 or £1500
- Quote for fence around the toddler area is £3600, which will be largely covered by the County Council funds.
- For 27 May:

- Jon Hill did a trial run producing pizzas for locals and raised £200 (donation has been received)
- Mike is organising the bar – beer is being provided for free by Bowland Brewery – a gazebo is also being provided
- Andrew has organised a temporary entertainment licence for the event
- At the same time as Festa Italia, so some joint advertising/sign posting
- Electricity is being provided by a local neighbour, Jean Stuart
- Portaloos are being arranged by Jon – Andrew to check
- Music is being organised by Andrew, £90 for PA, need a marquee
- Raffle is being organised by Jon, city council has donated prizes: family annual pass to Williamson Park, spa experience at Salt Ayre and rock climbing experience
- First aiders – need a rota for cover – Ian to organise
- Pavlos Pavli will organise volunteers for set up and take down, with Ian's support

7. Education

- Nothing to report

8. Events

- Due to inclement weather, easter egg hunt moved from Monday 10 April 2-4pm to Saturday 15 April
 - Most helpers were able to help
 - Didn't make as much money as last year but the takings were average when compared to all previous years, even though numbers were slightly down
 - Lovely happy event
 - Musicians were much appreciated
 - Face painting was provided by Samaya from Misso restaurant – very successful
- 23 July – North Lancashire Wildlife Group has asked to use the Orchard for an event 1030-1600 and provide guided walks into the reserve. Want help with gazebo, table and chairs, and volunteers. Asked whether FA would like to run a tea and cake stall. Fits well with our purposes. Becky will be able to help with a publicity flier. Printed.com provide competitive printing.
- Big Green Week 10-18 June 2023 – theme is food futures – not a good time for the Orchard. We won't get involved.
- Open Gardens and Open Yards – possibly in 2024

9. FOGG report

- Arable field has been sown with barley and the wildlife margins have been seeded by the volunteers
- Gate and gate post by Lucy Brook need replacing
- We may need to replace the big lawnmower as it is about ten years old, keeps breaking down and is expensive to repair
- We may need some additional bins

10. FOTT report

- Bench is installed
- Art exhibition may be possible in 2024

11. General Updates

- At the last meeting, Geoff Oliver raised the issue of the FA's ongoing efforts to achieve Local Nature Reserve (LNR) status. There was a very useful discussion and agreement that we should approach the Lancaster Girls' Grammar School (LGGs) school governors – Hilary to check the letter has been sent

12. Website and Facebook

- More photos have been received.

13. AOB

- We need some more no-cycling signs – Sue N to investigate

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16 May at the Tite & Locke.
The June meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13 June at the Tite & Locke.