

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE ALDCLIFFE ROAD TRIANGLE. Meeting held 3rd October 2016

Present: Dave Brookes, Peter Callingham, Mike Swan, Frances Tordoff, Nicola Combe, Jim Combe, Duncan Bell, Clare Gould

Apologies: Sheila Bliss, Martin Luke, Gillian Allen, Jane Swan, Phil Mitchell, Geoff Easton

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held 6th September 2016 were approved

Light Up Lancaster: The meeting was joined by Alex Summer of the Dukes to discuss the plans for the event being held in the Triangle on evenings of 4/5 November. Key points are:

- There is a budget available for this event
- Duncan will discuss musicians for a slot on Friday evening directly with Alex
- Clare will look to see if Gladly Solemn choir can attend
- Mike is working on a number of images for the workshop window, telling the story of the Triangle
- Frances will consider providing tapes of her Gran's memories to Alex
- Jane will send Lancaster Canal Trust contacts to Alex
- Nicola will liaise with Aldcliffe Yard residents as needed re the sculpture
- LUL team will be preparing the site on Friday 4th and will provide projector, lights, stand for the boat etc
- Any further ideas on how to tell the story of Lancaster Canal to Alex

Recent Developments: Graffiti on the Owl! Duncan will attempt a clean up.

Bags of Help / Raised Beds: Next step is to erect the arches (see next Volunteer session) and fill the beds. Duncan will get prices for a skip of hard core and of topsoil.

Future work: Pointing work on the wall was planned for early October. Dave will chase up. Next steps would be paths and planting. Claire will check out the trees we should plant.

Boat: Dave met with the council re the plans for boat to be a children's play item. We would need additional rubber matting as a surround and also a gate into the Triangle on the canal side and on the road side. The meeting proposed that due to this extra cost and effort we should revert to the original objective of a garden only and not a playground. Two options using the boat (1) as a seat (Dave to check price) or (2) as a planter.

Awnings/Pergola: Duncan has a contact who can provide PVC material at a cost of < £100. A high level design was proposed and will be discussed at the site, along with consideration of the type of planting we would use

Events: Next year the Fun Day slot has been nabbed by Robin Loxam's Open Garden event which is run in partnership with the Fairfield Association. This will mean that the marquee etc is unavailable so the Triangle will not be able to use that slot for a Summer Fair. Consideration of an alternative date for a Spring/Summer Fair can be left until early next year.

Next Volunteer session: Additional session to be held Sunday 8th October (full day), followed by the normal Third Sunday session on 15th October (2-4pm)

Next meeting: Monday 7th November, 7.30pm at 10 Aldcliffe Yard