

Minutes of the meeting of the Fairfield Association held Wednesday, 16 July 2008, at Lyndene, Sunnyside Close.

Present: Simon Gershon, Rebecca Proctor, Tony Finn, Michael Sheppard, Margaret Burtonwood, Ruth Haigh, Jean Stuart, Jude Naish

Apologies: James McDowell, Mick and Hilary Short, Oliver Fulton, Mandy Bannon

Matters Arising: minutes of last meeting unavailable.

Fun Day Debrief:

Mandy Bannon's comprehensive report was distributed. The main concern highlighted by the report was the lack of volunteers to help with the huge amount of work entailed in organising the event. Mandy was thanked.

Action to be taken

- ? to organise a Fun Day Committee
- ? to start organising and involving people, young and old, earlier in the year.
- ? to let people know how funding is spent.
- ? to distribute a calendar of events in the Fairfield area e.g. Fun Day, bonfire, carol singing.
- ? Orchard activities continue to be a part of Fun Day.
- ? Put dates of meetings on Fairfield Notice Board.

Hilary obtained a grant of £350 which contributed to a Fun Day profit of £1,339.38. Fun day accounts accepted, many thanks to Jude.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is £10,080.64.

This amount includes money reserved for playground maintenance, £500 for orchard expenditure and some for the 'FAUNA' project.

The association has a Nationwide account with passbook, and a new Co-op account. Michael suggested a working float be kept in the Co-op and the remainder in Nationwide this was agreed by those present.

Membership Secretary Report

49 members have already paid their subscriptions for the membership year May 08 – 09 and letters are being sent out to those who haven't yet renewed.

Playground Report

Sid absent – no report

Orchard Update

There are enough volunteers for Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings (last Wednesday in the month at 7:30)

There has only been a small amount of damage recently.

Lancashire Wildlife Trust has commissioned a survey of plants and there will be a further survey of invertebrates – results to feed into management plan.

Dates: Teddy Bears' Picnic, Sunday, 31 August – similar format to 2007 – primarily a social event.

Apple Day, Saturday, 4 October, 12.30 to 5 pm, – similar format to 2007. Alcohol licence is sorted. Cheese, chutney platter with cider approximately £6.00 for lunch, plus apple cakes and tea/coffee. Simon is contacting local organisations such as Scouts/ Boys' Club to ask if they will organise some games and activities.

Events/ stall/ apple press will be in Market Square on the day.

Phil Rainford will be there for apple identification.

Insurance from LESS is too expensive, therefore, request Fairfield Association to be official organiser and event to be covered by Fairfield's insurance.

Action to be taken - Hilary to check if Fairfield Association insurance will cover an event being held in town.

Fairfield Association/Orchard Trust merger – cannot go ahead until lottery approval received, and Orchard Trust has not yet, officially, approved merger.

FAUNA Update

No update

AOB

Association received £170.00 from a collection made at Mrs Kendrick's funeral. A letter of thanks has been sent to the family.

Contact from Hannah at The Borough – £210 has been made from the sale of bangers & mash.

Action to be taken - Contact the Guardian mid-September to publicise the handing over of the cheque
Hannah to be asked if she could make some apple related foods for Apple Day.

Discussion about how to encourage members who have indicated that they would like to attend meetings to come along so that there is a larger pool of people to organise the many autumn events.

Action to be taken - A suggestion that each person present at the meeting phones 2 to 5 people the week before and invites them. Ruth to provide contact details.

Communication update including website

James has been very active updating the website.

Kathy at Diversity Radio wants to do an article about the association.

Dates of Next Meetings

? 7:30 pm, Tuesday, 9 September at Simon's house: 51, Ashfield Avenue

? 7:30 pm, Wednesday, 22nd October at Oliver's house: Thorneycroft, Fairfield Road