

Minutes of the meeting of the Fairfield Association held on 18th January 2012 at 49, Wingate Saul Road.

Present: Andrew Brennand, Ruth Haigh, Jane Parker, Mick Short, Hilary Short, Philip Turner, Rob Bullman, Oliver Fulton.

Apologies: Mandy Bannon, Michael Sheppard, Sarah Dawson.

Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as a fair reflection.

Matters Arising

None.

Treasurer's Report

Co-op

Balance on January 18th £72,438.93

Income includes:

Carol singing – £230.94

Wassailing - £98.20 (expenses of £48 to be subtracted)

Community Spaces grants of £9,267.41 and £29,513.43

Expenses include

Graham Schofield - £540

Hannafins - £19,581.02

Co-op bank confirmed no expiry date on cheques; they should go through as long as they have not been physically stopped.

Membership Report

2 renewals

Have been in touch with Gila Robinson who is proposing to raise funds via a concert.

FOG Report

1. FAUNA opened successfully on Thursday December 22nd and we have subsequently had good coverage in the Lancaster Guardian and on Radio Lancashire.
2. Rules and Regulations now posted including Permissive Path note.
3. City Council may have to co-sign agreement for official "Permissive Path" which will allow us to display the path on OS maps.
4. Council bin arrived and has been emptied.
5. Ideas about funding the carving of the Cromwell Rd end stone were discussed.
6. Correspondence has been received from the Harries family on the subject of the fields purchase.
7. Containers as a possible tool shed solution were discussed and it was resolved to revert to FOG with Michael's costings (approx £1300). Reliable information suggests that cheaper

or free containers are either damaged or stolen. Rob said he would also be able to make enquiries at Fleetwood.

8. Insurers have been updated, although we await confirmation. Oliver will provide an asset register which we can forward to them.
9. Orchard volunteer sessions going well, 21 present at Jan 14th. Next session will have students attending with 842 hedging plants and two trees to plant.

Playground Report

1. The Borough requires dates in order to be able to pay us the proceeds of their Bangers and Mash promotion. Hilary will mine the minutes for these.
2. We aim to repair surface at 9.30am on Saturday 4th February. Andrew will send out email asking for volunteer help.
3. Plaque will be installed soon, again volunteers will be sought to reduce time/manpower costs.
4. The QEII Field application has been approved by Lancaster City Council and we wait with bated breath to find out whether we have been successful. If the playground gets QEII status then it can never be used for any other purpose other than recreation.
5. Safety surface grant comes with conditions from County; we are going to need a Child Protection, Environmental and Complaints policy to be in place by June. Andrew will shoulder this burden.
6. Lights failed to be repaired. County Councillor Chris Coates and Hilary are both chasing.

Events

FAUNA Opening was well attended and garnered good press coverage. Carol singing did well considering the atrocious weather – we need to thank the Aspdens for their hospitality. Wassailing was judged a great success.

Future Events

March 17th Gila's Concert. Oliver will find out whether we are expected to publicise. We are happy to do so. Easter Egg Hunt will happen, date TBC. There will be a grand FAUNA opening post-Easter.

Discussions began on the subject of Fun Day, which we agreed we should do this year (to alternate with the Open Garden). We wondered whether we should incorporate Summer Daze & Fairfield Olympics? Andrew will invite Nick, Elaine, Graham, Ellie to next meeting to discuss.

Items for website or Facebook

None.

AOB

It was suggested and approved that we buy a laminator so there can be one at the Cromwell Rd end of FAUNA for preparation of notices. Rob thought he might have one at work and would check.

We agreed to fund the travel expenses of the FAUNA sculptor.

Date of next meetings:

Feb 22nd – 49 Wingate Saul Rd

Mar 14th – 49 Wingate Saul Rd

...both usual 7.30pm start.