

**Fairfield Association**  
**Minutes of the meeting held**  
**on: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012**  
**at: 49 Wingate Saul Road**

**Present:** Andrew Brennand (chair), Mandy Bannon (minutes), Graham Brandwood, Oliver Fulton, Ruth Haigh (Membership Secretary), Jane Parker (Treasurer), Hilary Short, Mick Short, Elaine Weedy

**1) Welcome by the chair**

**2) Apologies:** Tony Finn, Nick Gerbhardt

**3) Minutes of the last meeting:** agreed as correct

**Matters Arising:** the laminator. Andrew agreed to email Glenys re buying a laminator and Mick & Hilary to negotiate with Jude re: the one she has loaned them.

**4) Summer Events**

Potential dates/plans were discussed – some to be confirmed

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Easter Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April - organised by Tony and Jacqui

**FAUNA opening – May/June**

Oliver said that the RSPB has been supportive and suggested Simon Barnes, author of Bad Bird Watching as someone to open it. But as we've not heard anything back from him, Tony has suggested Stephen Lowe, a Radio Lancs wildlife presenter, and Hilary has suggested Martin Colebert, retired council architect who has helped with the Orchard. Oliver asked whether accordianists would be available as providing electricity for electrically generated music may be problematical, though running a cable from the Martins' house may be possible.

**Quick Cricket** – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May – organised by Annabel & Geoff

**Cross Bay Walk** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - organised by Annabel & Geoff

**Fun Day** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

To be combined with "Summer Daze" Music tent (Nick Gerbhardt to organise) and possibly a sports/mini Olympics day if we can hold it on Lancaster Girls' Grammar School Field. Andrew to contact the bursar, Nicola, at LGGS ASAP re having the field on that date on 7<sup>th</sup> July for Fun Day and May 20<sup>th</sup> for Quick Cricket. LGGS will require a copy of our insurance letter.

It was agreed that the Fun Day organising should be compartmentalised with the following people agreeing to have input:

Elaine – organising the cake stall

Andrew – organising craft stalls

Ruth - to book the marquee, contact Ellie and friends to get their help, to send an email around asking for volunteers and new ideas. (Jean Laurie has agreed to organise allotment activities).

Hilary will apply for the grant for the marquee.

Graham – to provide parachute & other games

We also need to ask whether Jude & Michael will be able to do the BBQ, or Fraser?

And we need to consider a raffle/auction.

**Go Wild events** – to be confirmed

It was thought that it may be better to have two or three events spread across the summer, rather than a specific week or month.

Graham raised having Diamond Jubilee celebrations. As the actual date falls in half term, it was decided we could incorporate Jubilee themes into Fun Day and FAUNA opening.

## 5) Treasurer's Report

### Co-op Account

Balance on January 17	£72, 438.93
Balance on February 20	£17, 225.41

### Income

Fairfield Gift – in memory	£ 166.10
HLS grant	£ 13,990 *

\*This figure isn't included in balance above so current balance over £30, 000

### Expenses

Hanafins	£ 42,988.56
	£ 12,344.35 – final, subject to retentions
Jobling & Knape	
Legals re Farming Tenancy	£ 240.00

Andrew to chase £110 rent from Harries family.  
30k from Lancs Environment Fund on its way.

## 6) Membership Report

2 membership renewals.

## 7) Fog Report

### FAUNA

- i. The insurance company has asked for an "asset register" e.g. fences, benches, gates etc. Oliver to supply, as he has to prepare the same for Community Spaces.
- ii. Steve Thomson, contractor, will accept £4,300 (an additional payment of £300) – Andrew to write to him to get him to confirm that that's the full and final settlement.
- iii. The wide muddy puddle between FAUNA and Sunnyside Lane has probably been created by the FAUNA work. Oliver to organise orchard volunteers to fill it in with gravel.
- iv. More than 450 trees have been planted by volunteers – and there has been a photo story in the Lancaster Guardian.
- v. Robin Loxham is disappointed that his hedge is lower than he expected but will plant some bigger trees along it.
- vi. There will be new information boards for the end of March.
- vii. The naming of fields and ponds will be announced shortly.
- viii. Entrance stone markers are being carved.
- ix. On going: working with survey teams for recording birds etc.
- x. Ongoing: investigating toolshed and toilet (possibly earth)
- xi. Outstanding: designation of footpaths as permissive footpaths.

### ORCHARD

- i. At the last volunteer session, dogwood was cut back.
- ii. The dog bin at the south end is being emptied.

## 8) Playground Report

- i. Andrew said there has been no damage reported in the last month. The floor below the swings has been repaired but the swings are off at the moment because they are being repaired.
- ii. The toddler frame has also been repaired.
- iii. The lights are back on, but Hilary reported it was difficult to organise because of the poor system and bad communication between Hampson Green and other bodies.
  
- iv. The Borough is to donate £250 towards resurfacing the playpark.
- v. The total cost is thought to be between £5k and £12k plus 20% VAT. There will be a cheaper patch option.
- vi. Hilary to apply for another grant. Possible sources: Galbraith and Cumbrian children's grant body.
- vii. Need to spend £500 on servicing the roundabout. Andrew to contact GL Jones via Henry.

## 9) Items of Correspondence – none this month

## 10) Events

Gila's concert on 17<sup>th</sup> March – she's to donate proceeds to Fairfield Association

## 11) Facebook/website etc

Easter event to go on, plus photographic competitions (see below)

It was agreed to defer the newsletter til next month when the dates for certain events & AGM will be finalised.

## 12) Any Other Business

- i) **Freeman's Wood Campaign** Mandy reported back on the well-attended campaign meeting held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Marsh Community Centre. It was agreed we should offer to support the campaign. Mandy to email Jon Barry with details of Mike Derbyshire – the local historian who has helped Fairfield Association in the past as well as as a general statement of support from the Association. Oliver to email Maxine Knagg, the council tree Officer, with details of where the young black poplars have been planted.
- ii) **Civic Pride local photographic competition** – Ruth to circulate this and FAUNA photographic competition. Andrew to put both on Facebook.
- iii) **QE2 Status** – Hilary reported that if we don't get this, then we may still qualify for FIT Fields in Trust status which amounts to the same thing.

## 13) Date of next meetings

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2012, at 49, Wingate Saul Road.

Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 49 Wingate Saul Road