

Minutes of Fairfield Association Meeting held on at 1930 on 10TH September 2014 in the Robert Gillow pub.

Present:

Andrew Brennand, Chair
Mandy Bannon
Dave Brookes
Peter Callingham
Ken Capewell
Tony Finn
Ruth Haigh
Jane Parker
Ian Procter
Hilary Short
Mick Short
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

1. Welcome

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Dave Elliott and Sue Nieduszynska

3. Minutes from the last meeting

Andrew's action to do section 61 was carried forward. **Action AB**

4. Alternative Futures Group Link

Andrew advised that he hadn't yet invited Amy Bates to a meeting, but there had been a general agreement that the two groups could work collaboratively. It was agreed that information about the alliance should be placed on the FA website.

5. Single Payment Scheme

In the absence of formal guidelines, this item was deferred. Hilary agreed to check on the status in October.

6. Events

Kwik Cricket: Andrew advised that he would collect the key to the sports field from LGGS, and display a poster on the noticeboards. Facebook and FA website to be updated. **Action AB**

Flora Exhibition: Mick advised that he would need volunteers to assist with the exhibition in St. Nicholas Arcade on the 26/27 September. A rota would be required for refreshments, talks, etc. He described the content of the exhibition, and said that he would be including a contact sheet for visitors to sign up for volunteer parties. Mick also agreed to manage all the publicity for the event, including contacting the Lancaster Guardian.

7. Treasurers report

Since the last meeting, income has been received from grants and sales totalling £5849.50, and payments of £2899.80 made for repairs, legal fees and Fun Day expenditure.

8. Membership Report

Ruth submitted the following information:-

September meeting – Membership report

Since the July meeting we have 3 new members and I have also received membership donations from 18 existing members. The total in donations from the 21 is £195.

July Meeting – membership report

Since the June AGM the updated Membership procedure has been used:- Since the May meeting we have 6 new members. I have also received donations from 23 regular or existing members. The total Membership donations since the May meeting is £250.

9. Website

Mick mentioned that the Fairfield Friends page was difficult to find. Andrew agreed to organise a review of the website pages, and said he would invite Julia to the next meeting to discuss. **Action AB**

10. FOG report

- The orchard has been mowed
- The hay has been cut from the meadow and donated to a local farmer.
- Calves had been slaughtered and meat was available from the Farmers Market.
- Ragwort has been cleared throughout the summer.
- Wildflower margin to be mowed in mid-September.

Andrew gave an update on the progress with repairs to the wall which had been damaged by a motorist. £1800 was expected from the driver's insurers.

11. FSG report

Flora items will now be reported as part of FOG.

12. FOTT report

- Dave reported that the wall at Fairfield Triangle had been demolished and funds were being raised to build a replacement.
- Peter agreed to provide Ian with a list of tools to be purchased. **Action PC**

13. Playground Report

- Repairs to the wall were now complete and the lottery plaque in place.
- It was suggested that the climbing board be replaced.
- Andrew and Ken agreed to inspect the playground to identify worn-out equipment. **Action KC/AB**
- Andrew to consider the provision of a 'no dogs' sign for the enclosed playground. **Action AB**

14. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

15. Website and Facebook

Flora exhibition to be included when Mick and Hilary have decided precise opening times.

16. Any Other Business

- Mandy advised that she was publishing the next newsletter in November and some suggestions were made for inclusions. To be discussed at October meeting.

- The next meeting of FOG would include discussion about access through Pony Wood.
- It was decided that Education would be a standing item on the agenda at the FA meeting in future, and may include items such as 'Go Wild Week' and guided walks.

17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at 1930 on 15th October 2014 in the Robert Gillow pub.