

## Minutes of Fairfield Association Meeting held on at 19.30 on 18 February 2015 in Friends Meeting House

### Present:

Andrew Brennand, Chair  
Mandy Bannon  
Graham Brandwood  
Dave Brookes  
Ken Capewell  
Tony Finn  
Ruth Haigh  
Joan Marshall  
Sue Nieduszynska  
Ian Procter  
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

### 1. Welcome

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Hilary and Mick Short, and Jane Parker

### 3. Minutes from the last meeting

These were agreed.

### 4. Treasurers Report

Bank balance as of 18/02/15                      £33,203.78

#### *Significant Income*

RPA half yearly grant                              £1,929.75 - lower than usual as shorter time period  
Lancaster Community Fund grant                £500.00 - for the defibrillator

#### *Significant payments*

Ian Mecklenburgh                                  £667.87 - Triangle solar panel  
Playdale Playground                                £643.69 - Play area repairs  
Peacock Design                                      £764.76 - Design re Triangle

### 5. Membership Report

Membership stands at 263, and donations of £275 have been received since the last meeting.

### 6. Charity Commission Boilerplate

Andrew said that it had become apparent that potential funders and other bodies inspected the FA section of the Charity Commission website, so it was important that the information on the boilerplate was an accurate reflection of the organisation's aims and vision. It was agreed that the constitution should not be altered and the charitable object should remain the same, but the current description on the Charity Commission website should be amended to read 'protecting and enhancing green spaces across Lancaster for the benefit of wildlife, landscape and the community'. **AB**

### 7. Cycling Notices

Ruth reported that she had received a complaint from a member about cyclists using the orchard path. After some discussion, it was decided that the situation should be monitored.

## 8. Events

- Archives: Many advised that a presentation from the County Council's senior archivist would take place on 12 March 2015, at the Storey Institute.
- Writing: There will be a creative writing event on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- Easter 2015: Tony agreed to organise an Easter event; it was decided that a call for volunteers would be made via the next newsletter.
- Apple Day 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015: Firm arrangements will be made at the next meeting.
- Open Garden 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015: to be discussed next month.

## 9. Website

Nothing to report.

## 10. Education

- Tony agreed to send a newsletter to local schools, including invitations for educational visits. **TF**
- There will be a birdwatching presentation in the Storey on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015; donations to be requested.

## 11. FFOG report

- Sue confirmed that the moth traps and bat detectors were stored in the tool-shed.
- Wildflower identification training courses will shortly be available.
- Graham to promote the John Muir Trust volunteering award via the website. **GB**

## 12. FOTT report

- Dave reported that solar panels have been installed on the workshop roof.
- Triangle Fun Day will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015.
- FOTT are awaiting details of a donation from the building contractors working across the canal.

## 13. Playground Report

- Andrew to publicise volunteer days to work on the playground repairs. **AB**
- 'No Dogs' sign still hasn't arrived.

## 14. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

## 15. Website and Facebook

Events listed at para.8 to be added to the website. **AB/Julia**

## 16. Any Other Business

Members were advised that young people from the Prince's Trust would be carrying out path repairs in the orchard under the supervision of the Fire Service. Ruth to notify local residents via the newsletter. **RH**  
There was a discussion about the siting of the Portaloo; Cromwell Road access point was deemed to be the best place.

## 17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Friends Meeting House.