

Minutes of Fairfield Association Meeting held on at 19.30 on 15th April 2015 at Friends Meeting House

Present:

Andrew Brennand, Chair
Mandy Bannon
Barbara Coulton
Tony Finn
Ian Procter
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

1. Welcome

Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sue Nieduszynska, Ruth Haigh, Mick and Hilary Short, Jane Parker, Oliver Fulton.

3. Minutes from the last meeting

These were agreed. There was a discussion about alternative ways to distribute the minutes, such as Mailchimp.

4. Treasurers Report

- Bank balance £27,524.66
- Significant payments since last meeting:

R Watson	chip all brash from hedge laying	£900
Bowland Tree Services	Orchard tree surgery	£1,300
Physio-Control UK	defibrillator	£780
Zurich	insurance	£1,557
Daniel Haywood	2014 breeding bird survey	£100

- Fairfield Friends income £383
- Not processed the Easter festivities income yet.

5. Membership Report

A total of £35 was received in donations, between two new members and two existing members. Andrew advised that Julia Salmon would be responsible for monthly news email in future. A job description for the role of membership secretary is to be drawn up in time for the AGM in June, just in case the role is not filled by then.

6. Events

Easter:

Andrew reported that the Easter egg hunt had been a success; 97 people had attended and £140 raised. He thanked Tony, Jacqui and their assistants for organising the event.

Open Garden:

Hilary has spoken to Robin Loxam, host of the event, which takes place over the weekend of 27/28th June. Andrew to clarify Fairfield's percentage of the takings, and lead the call for volunteers to assist. He said that the event may be covered by Lancashire Life magazine. Organisers to check with Tony about refreshments left over from Easter.

Apple Day:

Tony Finn to contact the wood turner, who has agreed to take part. Apiarists have expressed an interest also. A call for interested craftspeople to be included in the next newsletter. **TF,MB**

Creative Writing:

The first session will take place on 30th April 2015. Andrew to put up posters. **AB**

7. Website

Julia has indicated that the blog is going well, with sightings being posted regularly. Sue and Julia are to liaise about a Mi-Fi device for the Orchard. **SN/JM**

8. Education

Tony agreed to produce a newsletter for local schools. He reported that Dallas Road School had offered some wildflower seeds to sow next year, possibly as part of a class experiment to decide which soil is best suited.

9. FFOG

Minutes are available on the website.

10. FOTT

An item about the builders' contribution to funds had appeared in the Lancaster Guardian.

11. Playground

The third repair session had been postponed.

12. Correspondence

Andrew reported that he had received an email from Local Food Group. It was agreed that there will be no further involvement with them.

A correspondent had offered a compost bin; Ian replied with an explanation about habitat piles.

A letter of thanks had been received from Lancaster City Council, for the input from our volunteers.

A letter had been received from the owner of the Laurel Bank woodland, offering to sell the land to FA. Mick Short to respond. **MS**

13. Website and Facebook

This season's volunteer sessions, which start on 29th April, to be added to website.

14. Any Other Business

There were no additional items.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meetings will take place at 19.30 at the Friends Meeting House on 20th May and 17th June (AGM).