

Minutes of Fairfield Association Meeting held on at 19.30 on 16th September 2015 at Friends Meeting House

Present:

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

1. Welcome

Hilary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ruth Haigh, Pamela White and Sue Nieduszynska

3. Minutes from the last meeting

These were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

- Hilary reported that more just under £1k was raised by the Open Garden event, and £24 from the campfire session.
- Graffiti on the slide has been removed.
- Ian reported that Andy Lee had inspected the birch tree in the playground, following the vandalism that had been carried out. He had been of the opinion that there was no need to fell the tree immediately, but wait to see if it would survive. Some children had been spoken to, and a Facebook posting on the subject had attracted over one thousand hits.
- Hilary agreed to circulate information about the Aldcliffe residents' campaign to block a housing development. **This is now awaiting a response from the Secretary of State.**
- Hilary advised that the Meeting House had been booked until December, however she asked members to give some consideration to identifying a cheaper venue for future meetings. **This will be discussed at the November meeting. All**
- The next FFOG meeting will take place on 12th November 2015.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jane advised that the bank balance stood at £36,903.

Significant income: Fairfield Friends - £526, HLF Grant balance - £9670, Open Garden - £333, Kwik Cricket - £165.

Expenses: Wildflower Survey - £560, Educational Visits - £805, D Hartley, digger - £259

6. Membership Report

Andrew reported that he had enrolled six new members. He said that he intended to contact the complete membership list every January.

7. Education

- There will be a talk about Exmoor ponies on 22nd October at the Storey Institute.
- 'Write Around Fairfield' will take place on 19th November.
- Tony reported that there had been two visits from the pupils of Dallas Rd. School; he expected to receive some evaluation forms from these visits to support the HLS grant.
- Dallas Rd. pupils are planting wildflower seeds, and will watch their progress, as part of a Year 3 project; Tony said he would visit the school in preparation.

8. Events

- Mick reported that the Kwik Cricket had been enjoyed by participants, although spectator numbers were down.
- Hilary advised that she had applied for a grant which would include money to decorate the Auditorium in the Storey which will be used for the 'Write Around Fairfield' event. Andrew agreed to update Facebook.
- A table had been reserved at the Green Fair on 21st November. It was suggested that calendars and Christmas cards should be produced for sale at the event. Hilary agreed to contact Carole. **HS**
- Tony explained the arrangements for Apple Day on 26th September. He advised that three more volunteers were required, and that he intended to put out a request for cakes. A £40 float would be available for the tea tent.

9. FFOG

In Sue's absence, Mick updated the meeting about the birth of the calf, and the harvest. He advised that the Exmoor ponies would arrive in October, and would be grazing in the field for two months.

10. FOTT

Dave reported that the Summer Fayre had been successful, and that the malicious damage to the workshop building had been repaired. There was a discussion about intruder alarms.

11. Playground Report

- Andrew reported that materials were on order to repair the erosion underneath the swings.
- There was a discussion about hooliganism in the playground.
- It was thought that the County Council workers had knocked over a bollard light in the playground, leaving an electric cable exposed. Hilary agreed to contact the Council about the potential safety hazard to children. **HS**

12. Correspondence

Hilary reported that she and Mick had agreed to deliver a talk to the Civic Society, following a request. Hilary had received a letter from Chris Norman about the Aldcliffe housing development.

13. Website and Facebook

Andrew expressed his satisfaction that Facebook postings seemed to be reaching a wide audience. However, it was agreed that events also needed to be posted on the website calendar.

14. Any Other Business

Mick advised that the trustees had agreed to loan out the marquee to Michael Sheppard for a charity event. It was agreed that the new logo should be added to the information leaflet.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 21st October 2015 at 7.30 at Friends Meeting House.