

Minutes of the Fairfield Association held on 16 May 2018 at Friends' Meeting House

Present:

Hilary Short, Chair
Mandy Bannon
Andrew Brennand
Dave Brookes
Ken Caldwell
Tony Finn
Sue Nieduszynka
Ian Procter
Mick Short
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Geoff Oliver and Jane Parker.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Nothing to report.

3. Matters Arising

Helen Ryan has asked Joseph Jones whether payment for play equipment can be made via LCC. Sue said she had been invited back to Marsh History Group following her latest presentation. The metal detectorists have confirmed that they don't have the missing finds in their possession. Mandy agreed to visit them to borrow some spares from their collection.

4. Treasurer's Report

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Co-op Bank balance as at 18.4.18	51,065.72
Year-end	51,291.22
General funds	48,066
Restricted funds	3,225
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Total	51,291
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<u>Restricted Funds</u>	
BTC grant	2,634
Flora grant	(1,238)
Wilson grant	1,300
FOTT	(321)
Flora giving	850
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	3,225
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No bank statements received after 30.4.18 yet so report based on 30.4.18. No significant income or expenses since 30.4.18

5. Membership Report

There were no new members.

6. Playground Report

Ken presented the inspection report. Highlights were that the net tape needs attention, the roundabout needs two new bearings. Hilary is to order bearings.

7. Education report

Tony advised that he had updated the website. Three school visits have taken place this week, and two are scheduled for next week. Tony to supply Dave Brookes with some forms.

8. Additional items:

It was decided to order a print run of 5k leaflets to use the £125 credit at Pagefast printers. Leaflet to include LNR logo update (if such a logo exists).

Hilary said that she had received a complaint about rats in the nature reserve; an inspection had been commissioned, which didn't reveal any evidence of rats' nests. There was a discussion about possible courses of action, and it was decided that the complainant should be asked to report specific incidents

Hilary advised that she had advertised the AGM via the newsletter, of which deliveries were expected shortly. There was some discussion about the council's proposal to convert the long pads path into a cycle track. Members agreed that this would cause disruption to hedgerow flora and fauna and would not be in keeping with nature reserve or 'dementia-friendly' status. It would also present problems to pedestrians on the path, in particular small children and those, like Tony, who are unable to see ahead.

Hilary reported that Eco-bank are no longer accepting new accounts, and that Cumberland bank will give £125 on a £20k balance. It was noted that changing banking arrangements would double the amount of work.

New General Data Protection Regulations will mean that contact lists will be updated. Members will be asked to state their contact preferences; those who do not respond will be automatically deleted from all lists. The new rules do not apply to leaflet drops. Ian advised that he will prune his volunteers' emergency contacts list and will thereafter ask them to renew the information annually.

9. Events

Fun Day – arrangements going to plan. Anthony Road's scarecrow festival has been rescheduled to avoid a clash of events.

The existing footpaths are to be upgraded to coincide with the laying of the new Pony Wood footpath.

10. FOTT

Dave reported that the recent art exhibition had been a success.

11. Dementia-Friendly status

Mick has delivered a training session to six attendees, with one further session planned. A four-member working group has been set up.

12. FFOG

- LGGS supper run will take place on 21st June – path to be trimmed. Tony reminded members that last year's trimming, carried out by LGGS, was undertaken without reference to FA. Ian advised that the trimming had not been done sensitively. Dave agreed to contact LCC to ask them to do a light-touch trim, if they are contracted to carry out the work.
- Barley and wild flowers have been sown in the arable field.
- Sue is working on a presentation about grazing for the trustees' meeting.

13. LNR status

The solicitor has raised an issue about registration of one of the parcels of land. It was thought that an administrative error may have occurred, which will be rectified shortly.

14. Website and Facebook

- Andrew to include Facebook's 'donate' button on the site.

15. Any Other Business

Nothing to report.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting, which will be the AGM, will take place at 7.30 on 20th June 2018, at Friends' Meeting House.

