

Minutes of the Fairfield Association held on 20th November 2019 at the Friends' Meeting House

Present:

Hilary Short (Chair), Andrew Brennand, Sue Nieduszynska, Geoff Oliver, Ian Procter, Mick Short, Shirley Rawsthorne (Secretary)

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Tony Finn, Jane Parker and Dave Brookes.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Hilary drew attention to an addition to the minutes which gave details of our discussion of James McDowell's project proposal for an Oral History Documentary of the Fairfield Association.

3. Matters Arising

- Thanks were extended to Julia Salmon for an excellent newsletter.
- It was reported that Many Bannon had had been in touch with the Lancashire County Council about the Towneley Close handrail to ask for an invoice for the agreed work.
- An invoice for the goalpost as been received.
- The deadline suggested at the last FA meeting, for signing the Agreement to Designate Land for the LNR, has resulted in some movement. Documents now require LGGS signature, prior to being signed off.
- Hilary advised that the money remaining in the Beyond the Castle grant will be spent on wildflower plugs, and a meadow exhibition in 2020. The decision was made in conjunction with Tom Brown and David Redman and Claire Cornish and Martin Wain from the Morecambe Bay Facilitation Fund.

4. Treasurer's Report to 20.11.19

Co-op account balance at 16.10.19	£57,730
20.11.19	£54,340

Significant Income:

Postcode Lottery £2634

LCC Disability Grant £800

Significant Payments:

Saplings £505

LCC goalposts £1410

Haymaking £1568

5. Membership

One new member, one new friend.

6. Playground

Andrew to chase up Henry's plaque.

Andrew to leave a note on the windscreen of the abandoned van at the top of Sibsey Street.

Toddlers play area has been cleared and hedges trimmed. Advice about child-safe wood preservative.

7. Newsletter

Nothing to report.

8. Events

- Students and helpers had enjoyed the 'Walk and Talk' event - £210 was received in donations.
- Green Fair 23.11.19
- Carol singing on Christmas Eve.
- Wassailing event in January.
- Funday and Easter Egg Hunt– to be discussed at January's meeting.

9. FOTT

New shed door has been vandalized and slates markers stolen.

10. FFOG

- Ian and Sue had attended a 'Managing Woodland for Wildlife' event, which had provided a good networking opportunity.
- Oliver and Ian to attend 'Managing hedges for wildlife' course, focusing on butterflies.
- A scientific hedgerow survey is to be undertaken.
- Ian to contact a resident of Levens Close, who is planting shrubs on the Orchard side of his fence, and discarding brash into the fruiting circle.
- Hedging saplings to be delivered by Woodland Trust at the end of November.

11. Website and Facebook

An interactive map has been posted on the website.

12. Education

It was agreed that Tony's sighted assistant should receive the living wage in future.

The paths through the Nature Reserve have been used by Dallas Rd pupils for a sponsored walk, in aid of Children in Need.

13. Any Other Business

Hilary to email James McDowell about the possibility of including something scientific as part of his project.

14. Date of Next Meeting

No meeting in December 2019.

Net meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 15th January at the Friends Meeting House.