

## Minutes of the Fairfield Association held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 on Zoom

### Present:

Hilary Short (Chair), Andrew Brennand, Sue Nieduszynska, Jane Parker, Mick Short, Shirley Rawsthorne (Secretary)

### 1. Apologies

Sue Pope, Dave Brookes, Tony Finn, Ian Procter.

### 2. Minutes from the last meeting

Dave Brookes was added to the list of attendees.

### 3. Matters Arising

- Open Garden event was a success, with thanks to Patricia Clarke for all her work
- Volunteers picnic went well. Particular thanks to Emma Foster and Mike Reynolds and his jazz group.

### 4. Treasurer's Report to 28.7.21

Co-op 74,504.70

Funds: General 70,915  
Restricted 3,589

Income: Open Garden 842.12  
Rotary Club 100.00

Expenses: Howard 696  
LDBWS seed 100  
McGalligan 431.61

### 5. Membership

3 new members.

### 6. Item for discussion:

- **Playground**

Quote received from Playdale to replace the items showing as 'amber' on the Council's safety schedule; around £50k for complete replacement of the four items, which may not include disposal of the wet pour.

Quotes also awaited from Proludic, who proposed to install Robina hardwood equipment and a wet-pour alternative, with a 10 year warranty. They expressed a wish to meet with a representative from the Council before drawing up a quote.

Kompan aim to provide equipment which is accessible and inclusive.

There was a discussion about whether the playground should be entirely reconfigured, especially removing one of the three slides. There was a discussion about how to raise funds for the playground work; it was decided to begin with a leaflet drop inviting interested parents to a meeting. Concerns were raised about disposing of items which were still viable, creating waste

- **Research Students**

Sue has been approached by a Masters student who is exploring the interface between the community and the environment, and is seeking permission to interview the volunteers and FA members.

## **7. Education**

School visits resume in September.

## **8. Events**

Apple Day is being organized by Emma Foster and Carole Martin. The committee looked at the comprehensive plans drawn up by Carole and Martin and were happy that the plans were progressing well.

## **9. FFOG**

- 16 people took part in moth traps; species list will be circulated.
- Barley in the Arable field has been harvested.
- Cattle will graze the hay meadow, rather than cutting it.
- Work to remove the damp from the shed continues. Objections have been raised to the fitting of a solar panel, on the grounds of aesthetics.

## **10. FOTT**

Nothing to report.

## **11. Website and Facebook**

Hilary has been contacted by a participant on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, about redesigning the website. Opinions were invited on his proposals. Questions were raised about the possibility of a Search Function and there were queries about some of the headings. Overall, there was not enough time to do justice to this topic and it was agreed to revisit the matter at the next meeting.

## **12. Any Other Business**

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**, in the Social Room at The Friends Meeting House, Covid rules allowing.

One of the student volunteers has dropped out of the publicity project, causing work to slow down.

## **13. Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday 21st September 2021**, in the Social Room (previously known as the William Stout Room) at the Friends Meeting House.