

Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on 21st September 2021 at Friends Meeting House, Lancaster.

Present:

Hilary Short (Chair), Dave Brookes, Carole Martin, Sue Nieduszynska, Sue Pope, Mick Short, Shirley Rawsthorne (Secretary)

1. Apologies

Andrew Brennand, Jane Parker, Tony Finn, Ian Procter and Geoff Oliver.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Correction to the misspelling of 'McGaffigan'.

3. Matters Arising

- The research student working on the interface between the community and the environment has now completed her interviews.
- The student project, which will produce a video documenting our activities, has slowed down and it is unlikely that any interviewing will be done at Apple Day. The event may be filmed.

4. Treasurer's Report to 21st September 2021

Co-op Bank	21.9.21	74,252.31
Co-op Bank	28.9.21	74,504.70
Funds		
Restricted:		
BIC	1,586	
TPE	783	
Tesco	568	
	<u>2947</u>	
Triangle	1,570	4,517
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General:		69,735
Total Funds		<u>74,252</u>
Significant Income		
Tesco grant		1000.00

Spending agreed:

It was agreed that money from restricted funds should be used to mount a Meadow exhibition in either the Storey or the Castle, both of which are close to Vicarage Fields also the FA meadows and both of which fall with the remit of the grants.

It was also agreed to purchase a Meadow interpretation board using material from the Virtual Exhibition. This would be sited at the far end of Carr House Meadow where there is a small triangle of land.

It was agreed to use the remaining Tesco money to buy a second marquee (as proposed in the grant application).

5. Membership

3 new members; total 398.

6. Item for discussion:

AGM – This will take place at FMH on 19th October, in the Meeting Room.

7. Education

School visits have resumed; forms need to be completed.

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 Emma and were happy that the plans were progressing well, although Ian had reported a shortage of volunteers.

Christmas pop-up shop on 4th December, will sell calendars and cards.

9. Playground

A meeting of the 'Friends of the Playground' has taken place. There will be a consultation on the provision of new equipment, and a trustee will report to the FA meeting.

Thanks to Frank Sutcliffe for repairing the broken swing.

10. FFOG

- Bird food station to be reinstalled; Dan Heywood to deliver a talk about it on Zoom.
- Sightings board to be reinstated following vandalism.
- New trees are no longer protected by plastic guards. Consideration to be given to the installation of electric fences to deter cattle from browsing.
- Wildlife Trust to create 2 new ponds and undertake some channel clearance.
- The FA has made a donation of 1 ton of Yellow Rattle seed for meadows in the Forest of Bowland.

11. FOTT

Pergola posts have been replaced. Knitted items to be affixed to various points around the triangle during winter.

12. Website and Facebook

Feedback about the website received; Zoom meeting to be arranged to discuss.

13. Any Other Business

- Advice has been given to a group who look after Conder pools.
- Rain has eroded the path at Towneley Close. Dave will inspect.

13. Date of next meeting

19th October 2021 – AGM at Friends Meeting House

16TH November 2021 at Friends Meeting House