

## Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Friends Meeting House

### Present:

Hilary Short (Chair), Mandy Bannon, Andrew Brennand, Dave Brookes, Sue Nieduszynska, Geoff Oliver, Jane Parker, Ian Procter, Mick Short, Shirley Rawsthorne (Secretary)

### 1. Apologies

Tony Finn, Sue Nieduszynska, Sue Pope

### 2. Minutes from the last meeting

These were agreed.

### 3. Matters Arising

- The Open Yarden event had been very successful; 28 gardens had participated, and 127 tickets sold. It was agreed that publicity for gardens in Abraham Heights should have been stronger, shelter provided in case of rain, and publicity in general needed to be more effective. The event had raised £827.25.
- Ian expects the defibrillator to be delivered on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

<b>Balance 30.4.22</b>	<b>80,944</b>	
<b>Balance 28.6.22</b>	<b>78,912</b>	
<b>Funds General</b>	<b>78,052</b>	
<b>Funds restricted</b>	<b>860</b>	
<b>Significant income</b>	<b>Open Yardens</b>	<b>827</b>
<b>Significant expenses</b>	<b>Zurich Insurance</b>	<b>1,548</b>

There was further discussion about whether it would be sensible to spend some of our money. It was agreed to leave the matter for now.

### 5. Membership

No new members this month.

### 6. Playground

The fundraising event in the playground raised £200, excluding donations. Some photos were taken to support the grant application, which will be decided in the autumn. The FA has also received £1000 from the Duchy of Lancaster and a donation of £2500 from the Elspeth J Thompson Charitable Trust.

## **7. Education**

Dave requested completed forms from schools' visits.

## **8. Events**

- Meadow exhibition in the Storey until Friday.
- City Nature Challenge; 14 people took part – plenty of birds spotted, including a red kite. One participant signed up to be a volunteer.

## **9. FFOG report**

Arable field planted with barley. Wildflower borders need to be re-established.

Further drainage work undertaken in West Field.

Permission obtained from RPA to graze off the Hay Meadow rather than cut for hay.

A group of fruit tree volunteers has been established.

Ash-dieback continues to be monitored; some trees have improved.

LGGS gave a donation for cutting the Long Pads.

A detailed survey of Pony Wood has been undertaken.

A lichen report has been drawn up.

Lesser Whitethroat breeding on the reserve; 3 pairs of reed buntings, and lone male reed warbler identified.

## **10. FOTT report**

Nothing to report.

## **11. General Updates**

Big Green Week runs from 24<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Apple Day will be included.

Dave's card machine was used successfully at the picnic and Open Yarden events.

## **11. Website and Facebook**

Thanks extended to Julia for her work on Open Yardens.

Facebook is now linked to the website.

## **12. Any Other Business**

Mandy explained the fundraising drive to buy Freeman's Wood. A consultation event will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> July. The FA agreed, exceptionally, to advertise in our Noticeboard

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

The next meeting, will take place at 7.30pm on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2022, at the Friends' Meeting House.