**Friends of Kersal Dale**

**Minutes of AGM**

**Monday 17th February 2020, 6.30pm, Star Inn Pub**

**Present:**

Rob Martin (RM) Chair

Scott Darraugh (SD) (Treasurer)

Joe Palfreman (JP) (Salford City Council Rangers Team)

Jo Scott (JS) (Secretary)

Rose Wedge (RW)

Diane Crowcroft (DC)

Scott Millar (SM)

Paul Costello (PC)

Bob Chorley (BC)

Dennis Milburn (DM)

Jim Simpson (J Si)

Colin Johnson (CJ)

Peter Szafel (PS)

Dusty (Du)

**Apologies:**

Kelly Wray (Salford City Council)

Dominic Campion (DCn)

1. **Introductions and welcome.**

* RM wished everyone happy new year and confirmed that in terms of content for the boards, this can be sent to JP to print and post, though the boards can also be opened with an allen key

1. **Update on financial situation**

* SD confirmed that there is currently £2918 in the bank account, not including the new grant from Salford CVS which is for £1691
* There are still historic signatories on the account. It was agreed that is it easier to establish a new account and transfer money over

**Action:** RM and SD to speak to the Co-Op about establishing a new bank account

1. **FoKD Policies**

* RM informed the group that CVS funding conditions mean that public liability insurance must be purchased and policies must be in place for health and safety, safeguarding, equality & diversity and volunteering, alongside risk assessment for volunteer activities
* RM is liaising with Matt from CVS to adapt policy documents and informed the group that a free half day of training for safeguarding is available through CVS

**Action:** SD to speak to Endsleigh about public liability insurance and to contact RM about safeguarding training undertaken

1. **Volunteer activity**

* RM: Matt from Salford CVS has suggested joining with Salford Litter Heroes for volunteer days in the dale
* The group thanked PC for his work clearing the wetlands and dale of rubbish after Storm Ciara

1. **Signage update**

* JP has costed internal signage at £1800. As Garden Needs wood is being used, their volunteers will install these, reducing the cost

**Action:** JP to re-cost the engraving without installation

1. **AOB**

* SD asked JP if there were any plans for tree assessment in the dale to see if there are any dangerous trees

**Action:** JP to check on this

* RM informed the group that there is another £500 available through CVS as a micro-grant to fund activity to improve wellbeing and asked the group for ideas as to how this could be used. After discussion, it was agreed that this could be used to fund a day of woodland wellbeing/history/foraging/family activities in the dale. The £500 could also be matched with money from the community committee grant to clear the ornamental pond and make it more accessible

**Action:** SD to let RM know what activities Garden Needs currently do that could be part of this day

* CJ informed the group that foxhunters from Liverpool were arrested on the Wetlands by the police after he called 101 and was congratulated for his actions!
* RM informed the group that former FOKD member Johnny Weinberg has offered to support the group in submitting an Awards for All grant application. This could be for improving pathways in the Dale

**Action**: RM to pursue this possibility with Johnny Weinberg

* RP also mentioned grants of £5-10,000 that would be available soon through the TfGM funds
* PC asked about clean ups for the Dale following the two storms.
* JP said that a clean up is scheduled for the Great British Clean Up in March and that he would also look for a date between now and then for a further litter pick

**Action:** JP to inform group of date for Dale litter pick

* DC told the group that the flood basins had prevented flooding in the area during Storm Ciara

1. **Next meeting**

The next meeting is Monday 16th March, 6.30pm at the Star Inn