**Friends of Kersal Dale**

**Minutes of AGM**

**Monday 8th October 2018, 6.30pm, Garden Needs**

**Present: Present:**

Scott Darraugh (SD) (Treasurer) Jo Scott (JS)

Julian Rosen (JR) Joint Chair Paul Costello (PC)

Rob Martin (RM) Joint Chair Genevieve Shawe (GS)

Scott Millar (SM) Nick Troth (NT)

Colin Johnson (CJ) Dennis Milburn (DM)

Rose Wedge (RW) Bob Chorley (BC)

Jo Palfreman (JP) (Salford City Council Rangers Team) Peter Szafel (PS)

**Apologies:**

Dominic Campion (DCn), Kelly Wray (Neighbourhood Officer, Salford City Council),

Mike Duddy (MD), Sam Smith (SS), Alistair Cooke (AC) (Salford City Council Rangers Team)

1. **RM Welcomed** everyone and opened the meeting the above apologies were received. Minutes of AGM were **agreed**
2. **Items to discuss/clarify. SD** CBBC filming went well just waiting for the link for iplayer. **JP** update on Sinkhole the order for the solution to wash out the path (sinkhole) to main path inside Radford Street entrance is ready to be placed just making sure everything is included that is needed. Will update FOKD of the start date. **JR Application for Harry Davies Environmental fund for £1939.01 was successful. Bank signatories JR** through Doctor Tim we managed to get a recent bank statement to send to Salford City Council (SCC) so the £1939.01 can go into our account. Outstanding we need Sam’s initial’s. It has been impossible to find the 2 initials from 2007 so hopefully the bank will accept it.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Current balance is **£2,897.98**.
4. **LOGO –** Thank you to Scott for the brilliant logo’s**. RM** circulated and added them to the member’s part of the website.A vote was held. Number 1 was picked but after discussion it was asked if Scott could make a few changes as some thought it was hard to see the FOKD or it was confused with a naughty phrase!!!!!
5. **AIMS:**
6. **Ecology Survey – JP Action** to source the latest one from the SCC and send to Rob for circulation so then we something to work from i.e.
7. **Signage** RM said that the history page on the website is the most popular. It would be great to have some interpretation boards they may get vandalised but they may also bring more people in.
8. **Walkways and Fencing** JR the Boardwalks were swept away in the 2015 flood and although we were in talks with the SCC they just came and removed them. NT asked how much to replace them? JR around £200,000. JR has had a site visit with Alister Cook and the problem with replacing the boardwalk is they were very slippy when wet and were often set on fire. Hardcore paths would be a better option. JR identified very wet patches near the river. JR has an idea how to generate monies from business in early stage will update later.
9. **Fundraising Sources and applications**. After discussion it was decided to concentrate on the SCC bid. RM asked about the website. JR said there was money for development but not to pay wages.
10. **AOB**

**CJ and PS** asked about the signage that was put up at the top of Lower Broughton Road about flytipping. PC answered Kelly Wray had organised it. Action to ask Kelly Wray about signage to be added to Radcliffe Street entrance. They reported how bad it is at the moment. That pictures had been taken of vehicles dumping but it does not deter them.

**JR** recently spoke to the dog owner whose dog has been gnawing and stripping bark to the trees to prevent further damage to living trees. **PC** has also spoke to the person this week and asked him to let it do it to dead wood not live trees.

**JP read out SCC Alistair’s priorities** –

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Planting at the top of Lower Broughton Road to stop fly tipping. Signage at point of entry - dog fouling, Unresolved leakage (North and South Radcliffe street before the gate leaking constantly.

**RM read out Mike Duddy e-mail -** The Rivers Trust will be spraying hogweed/knotweed on The Dale at the end of this week and early next. The Rivers Trust and Salford Friendly Anglers will be holding a river clean up event on Nov 3rd 10am until 2pm on the River both banks Dale and Wetland sides.... everyone welcome to join us. DC asked if we could add this to FOKD volunteering day and maybe put some refreshments on. **DC to check with Mike Duddy** whether this is ok. DC is also arranging a willow pulling day on the wetland and has been contacted by SACV Sale and Altringham Conservation volunteers who want to help and she had also asked them if they would be willing to come and talk to this group? It was agreed **DC to ask them if they can come and give a talk.**

**BC apologised** for the music in the backroom and the group having to move to the brewery. He also informed the group Luke Blazejewski has agreed to show his Salford Wetland film at the Star pub

**Next meeting – Monday, 19th November at The Star Inn.**

Below is the report from Alistair for the FOKD Meeting,

“Kersal Dale

1) Award of East Salford grant of £1939 from the devolved budget for a volunteer project (Julian will know more)

2) Order for solution to wash-out of path (sink hole) to main path inside Radford St entrance is ready to be placed - just making sure everything is included that is needed. I can update Friends when we have start date, etc.

3) Julian recently spoke to the dog owner whose dog has been gnawing and stripping bark to the trees to prevent further damage to living trees.

4) I met Julian on site 20/9/18 and we looked at:

Julian's ideas for woodland apprentices, structured motorcycle activity (to help contain uncontrolled use), accessible routes that are flood-resistant and are suitably surfaced (Annie wants us to work up with the Friends prioritisation of paths eg the stretch from the footbridge along the meadow edge; we need to consider how these could be funded), possible volunteer tasks (eg step construction and including some that involve young people). I saw the stretches that were previously boardwalk and those damaged by wheel ruts. We looked at the land slippage and dumping by Cliff Crescent (I agree that I don't think planting is the answer here). Signage: permanent dog control signs and keeping the motorcycle signs in place at points of entry. There seems to be an unresolved leakage that UU attend to periodically that saturates the main pathway from Radford St South.

Wetlands

1) Funding was awarded to Inspiring Communities Together for a Wetlands community engagement officer and an appointment made. . So more dedicated input for a site that the Friends Group may choose to get more involved with in future.

2) Feedback requested from GMP about their weekend focus on unauthorised motor cycle riding at the Wetlands.