**Friends of Kersal Dale**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Monday 16th July 2018, 6.30pm, Star Inn**

**Present:**

Mike Duddy (Chair)

Scott Darraugh (Garden Needs, Social Adventures)

Kelly Wray (Neighbourhood Officer, Salforc City Council)

Diane Crowcroft (Local Resident, The Broughton Trust)

Sam Smith (Local Resident)

Scott Millar

Julian Rosen

Paul Costello

Rob Inkerman

Dominic Campion

Genevieve Shawe

**Apologies:**

Matt Yabbo

Jo Scott

1. **AGM – MD** - New date set after postponment as Monday 20th Aug, 6.30pm at Garden Needs. Nominations to date: Chair – Rob (nominated by Paul, seconded by Mike).
2. **Funding – KW** - Application for Community Committee deadline is 6th September. **DC** suggested that an application to Harry Davis fund should be made. Suggestions for items included in the application are: Volunteer expenses and up-grade of website, publicity (printing, paper, google etc), winch, swiping tool for balsam bashing, wild flower seed mix to make seed bombs, pizza oven?
3. **Clean Up – PC** to organise one this Sunday, 22nd July, 10 – 12. Meeting opposite 466 Lower Broughton Road. **SD** offered volunteers from Garden Needs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **MD** offered paid staff to work with Scott’s volunteers. Will liaise and organise for future Balsam Bashing events. **MD** to ‘grid’ the Dale to ease the process of knowing where has/hasn’t been done.
4. **DC** suggested a Balsam Bash Day as a ‘good news’ event and celebration. Date set as 29th July 11am – 2pm. Meeting point and gazebo station at Garden Needs Radford Street. **DC** and **PC** to liaise re: refreshments.
5. **MD** – Rivers Trust to start invasive species treatment on knotweed in the Dale this summer.
6. **KW** reported that 17 bikes have been seized this year. Senior council figures also recognise the work that FOKD are doing to clean up the area.
7. **KW** brought the keys for the notice board. Rob is a keyholder, MD took the spare which will live in the key safe at Inspiring Communities Together office, Innovation Forum. **MD** suggested a sign in the notice board for dog walkers asking them to pull 10 Hymalayan Balsam plants every walk. **KW** to ask Jane Woodall if FOKD could have a large article in the next issue of Life In Salford.
8. **AOB**

**KW** – Update on CCTV. Can’t have cameras on lampposts as it’s a conservation area and the lampposts aren’t robust or high enough. Deployable CCTV can’t be erected by the council on private property. Regulatory powers are very robust and SCC don’t do covert cameras as a licence has to be gained from a magistrate. However, ‘Trail Cameras’ are currently being looked into by the council.

**SS** to look into plants that will hold the soil back on the steep embankments, pyracanthus and willow were suggested as possible options.

**RI** to ask his friend about any advice from Keep Britain Tidy to help eliminate fly-tipping.

**Next Meeting: AGM – 20th August, 2018, 6.30pm at Garden Needs**