**Friends of Kersal Dale**

**Minutes of AGM**

**Monday 20th July 2018, 6.30pm, Garden Needs**

**Present:**

Mike Duddy (MD) (Chair)

Scott Darraugh (SD) (Treasurer)

Matt Abbott (MA) (Secretary)

Diane Crowcroft (DC)

Sam Smith (SS)

Scott Millar (SM)

Julian Rosen (JR)

Paul Costello (PC)

Rob Martin (RM)

Dominic Campion (DCn)

Genevieve Shawe (GS)

Ivor Smith (IS)

Philip Buliman (PB)

Nick Drove (ND)

Alistair Cooke (AC) (Salford City Council Rangers Team)

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

**Apologies:**

Kelly Wray (Neighbourhood Officer, Salford City Council)

Jo Scott

1. **Introductions and welcome to new visitors.**
2. **Old committee stand down**. New nominations proposed. **Treasurer – Scott Darraugh** volunteered to continue in Treasurer role. Agreed. **Secretary – MD** nominated **Sam Smith**, accepted and agreed**. RM** asked for more info on possible Wetlands merger before nomination for Chair.
3. **Discussion re wetlands and possible incorporation into FoKD.** **RM** gave a background for people new to the group and then the floor opened for discussion. **MD** – Dale could benefit from amalgamation when looking at funding, **DC** – benefits of keeping the two separate but working with any group that formed for the Wetlands. **JR** – Wetlands and Dale inextricably linked and it gives good disabled access to the Dale. **RM** – Access a council responsibility, funding would be project specific so may not help. **PC** – In agreement with **DC** and **RM**.

**MD** asked **AC** what the council’s position is? **AC** – Annie Surtees would not oppose a merger and it “could be” possible to get funding to cover both sites. MD noted that Harry Davies saw both sides of the River (up to The Meadow) as being part of the Dale. **RM** – In Kelly Wray’s apologises she had said she thought a merger was a good idea.

**DC** – do we need to decide right now? Could it be looked at again? **MD** proposed vote.

**Vote held:**

**Stay as FoKD – 6**

**Joint group – 6**

**Remain as we are and revisit in the future – Unanimous.**

1. **New Chair** – **JR** noted that we previously had a Chair and a Vice-Chair and he had discussed with **RM** the possibility of a joint Chair. **Rob Martin** **and Julian Rosen** to stand. Agreed.
2. **General Committee Members** – **JR** 2 members required. **Mike Duddy** and **Dominic Campion** volunteered. Agreed.
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Issues in changing the account are being resolved. Current balance is **£2,897.98** **MD** willing to be third signatory for account.
4. **DC** – Application for funds from the Harry Davies Environmental fund has been submitted.
5. **Logo** – Now outcome of meeting is to remain as FoKD, **SM** will design the new logo. Deadline for initial design review 14th Sept 2018.
6. **AOB**

PC – Balsam bashing is working, please carry on. Signs have helped and dog walkers are pulling the balsam out whilst in the Dale. No recent reports of fly-tipping and local residents are getting involved in reporting. Next clean-up will be early September. The Dale is looking lovely.

**AC** – Police have an ongoing trail for online reporting of motorbikes, could be beneficial to the Dale.

**DCn** and **JR** discussing the possibility of using Go Pro cameras to film incidents in the Dale.

**AC** – FoKD could influence maintenance on the Dale (grass cutting schedule, clean ups etc.) Re the sink hole, a scheme is being put together to improve run off and remedy the issue.

**SD** – CBBC coming and filming with children from Kids adVentures in the Dale on 21st August.

**Next meeting – Monday, 8th October 2018, 6.30pm at The Star Inn.**