**Friends of Kersal Dale**

**Minutes**

**Monday 18th March 2019, 6.30pm, The Star Inn**

**Present:**

Rob Martin (RM) (Joint Chair)

Dominic Campion (DCn)

Sam Smith (SS) (Secretary)

Jo Scott (JS)

Scott Millar (SM)

Kelly Wray (Neighbourhood Officer, Salford City Council)

Rose Wedge (RW)

Piotr Szafel (PS)

Colin Johnson (CJ)

Dennis (D)

**Apologies:**

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

Scott Millar (SM)

Paul Costello (PC)

Scott Darraugh (SD) (Treasurer)

Mike Duddy (MD)

Diane Crowcroft (DC)

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

1. **Discussion from last meeting:** RM – Email from Julian stating that due to other commitments he can no longer fulfil the role of Co-Chair. After a discussion with all present RM to continue as Chair.
2. **Future Plans White Paper:** RM – Asked members opinion on the plan presented at the previous meeting. All agreed to not go with the plan and to revert to monthly meetings where all attend. If matters arise that the committee need to look at, a brief meeting will be held at 6pm before the 6,30pm main meeting.
3. **New Strategy Document:** RM – Presented an outline to the group of what the FoKD aims and objectives are (and always have been) and how to move forward working together with SCC, The Ranger Team, local businesses and other 3rd sector organisations and working to the council’s Green Space Strategy 2019. This raised a few queries re: different figures quoted for pathways within the dale.

RM noted that FoKD could erect the signage for the Dale much cheaper that the quote from Urban Vision whilst still working to council guidelines for installation etc.

**Action:** KW to investigate reason behind differing figures in the strategy.

1. **Thanks**: RM – Pathways in the Dale look great after the Conservation Weekend organised by DC. Thanks to PC for clearing the rubbish at the back of the Car Wash. Thanks to KW for sorting signs.
2. **Volunteering**: RM suggested that there is a dedicated volunteering day every month doing different highlighted jobs including clearing rubbish, Rhododendron clearing, Balsam bashing etc. D reported that the railings at rear of car wash are broken and dangerous. **Action:** KW to report.

PS reported that burnt our bikes are still on the Dale. Both SS and KW have previously reported. **Action:** KW to follow up.

CJ South Radford Street fly tipping is an ongoing issue. DCn asked could barrier not be moved. **Action:** KW to follow up. SS to look at Viridor funding for possible sculpture to block fly tipping access.

PS asked about hogweed removal. KW reported at Mersey Rivers Trust will be re-commencing treatment of hogweed on behalf of SCC.

KW to meet with possible corporate volunteers who may want to work on the dale but a base is needed, KW to ask SD re possibility of using Garden Needs.

**Action:** SS to create a volunteer hours sheet for people to complete to assist with future funding applications.

**Action:** KW to send RM copy of successful Community Committee application for RM to share on members page.

1. **Interpretation:** RM what funding could be available for interpretation. KW suggested HLF or Architectural Heritage Fund might be possible. RW to ask the University if they would like to be involved.
2. **AOB:** KW reporting for JP.

**Wayfare Signs**: Have arrived and been delivered to Garden Needs. **Action:** RM to email SD to ensure nothing happens with the signs until FoKD Branding Iron is purchased and installation is signed off

**Sink Hole**: RM asked if any progress has been made on repairs. **Action:** KW to follow up.

**Tools**: D has tools that can be donated to FoKD but storage could be an issue. **Action:** RM to ask SD if it would be possible for FoKD to purchase a cupboard to be located at Garden Needs for FoKD use and look at purchasing litter pickers to be stored there.

**Next meeting – Monday 15th April 2019, 6.30pm, The Star Inn.**