**Friends of Kersal Dale**

**Minutes**

**Monday 19th November 2018, 6.30pm, The Star Inn**

**Present:**

Rob Martin (RM) (Joint Chair)

Scott Darraugh (SD) (Treasurer)

Diane Crowcroft (DC)

Sam Smith (SS) (Secretary)

Paul Costello (PC)

Dominic Campion (DCn)

Nick Drove (ND)

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

Jim Simpson (JS)

Rose Wedge (RW)

Mick (M)

**Apologies:**

Kelly Wray (Neighbourhood Officer, Salford City Council)

Jo Scott

Scott Millar

Julian Rosen (Joint Chair)

Genevieve Shawe

Colin Johnson

Piotr Szafel

Mike Duddy

1. **Introductions and welcome to new visitors.**
2. **Minutes** **of previous meeting** – agreed and signed off.
3. **Signage** – **RM** - did a walk round the Dale and created a map with suggested points on for signage and future picnic area. **SD** offered Garden Needs to make the signs as it would be a great project for them and their volunteers to be involved in. **DC** has been in touch with Liz from Sport England re applying for funding and there was a suggestion of a ‘Bags for Life’ application. **SD** said Garden Needs would be happy to fund the cost of signs as well as make them. **RW** suggested a branding iron of the new logo for the signs and future projects. **SD** asked **JP** for a contact in Urban Vision to liaise with over installation and approval for signs. **JP** suggested sign styles (with costs) that are currently used in other parks and thought that installation would need to be undertaken by Urban Vision.

**Action: RM to email map/plans to** **JP, SD and** **Alastair Cook (Rangers Team). JP to forward Urban Vision contact details to SD.**

1. **Funding** – **RM** noted that CVS has funding from RHS Bridgewater for community projects and it is a criteria that FoKD falls into with possible wildflower planting. **SD** – could we look at a community orchard and planting of natives such as wild garlic, fruit trees and berry bushes? **RM** – how would it affect bio-diversity of the Dale? **SD** offered Gary, the horticulturalist from Garden Needs to work with the proposed project.

**Action: SD offered to write the bid.**

1. **Volunteer Rangers** – **RM** FoKD have received an email from Michael Faulkner from Salford Greenfingers about pooling volunteers from existing ‘Friends’ groups to form a group of volunteer rangers who can work in different parks and green spaces throughout the city and would work alongside Salford City Council’s Ranger Team on different projects. **SD** – Positivity of working together within a network and could, with the help of the Ranger Team, assist with the installation of the signs in the Dale.

**Action: RM to email interest to Michael Faulkner**

1. **Logo** – **RM** Thanks to Scott Millar for work on the design. All agreed happy with the design. **DC** suggested colour scheme could be a blue ‘F’ for the River and ‘oKD’ in green to signify the Dale.

**Action: RM to forward suggestion to SM.**

1. **Next Clean-Up** – **PC** suggested that a date be set for the next group clean up, all agreed it should be in the New Year. **DC** – could we have another ‘Love on the Dale’ day and willow removal on the wetlands, with possibilities of find uses for the willow? **RM** – Local leaflet drop, with new logo, volunteers will be needed. It was suggested that the clean up could be over a weekend on a rota basis. **SD** – an opportunity to involve local businesses. **Next clean up date set as 16/2/19.**
2. **AOB – SD** requested permission to purchase pizza oven from Stax (all agreed) and asked **PC** to price up winch gear for purchase.

**JP** – Alastair chasing up Urban Vision for information re: sinkhole. The Ecology report details have been sent over, but they are from 2000, suggested maybe involving the university to do an up to date report on the Dale. **GMP** reported that 1 bike had been seized. 40 Tyres removed from the River during the clean up with Mersey Rivers Trust on 3rd Nov, next clean up with them on the Wetlands will be Sun 16th Dec.

**Next meeting Monday 17th December, 2018. The Star Inn, 6.30pm, with Christmas drinks and pizza after the meeting.**