



**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016**  
**Crown Hotel, Colne**

1. **Present:** Sue Bryant Lauder; Tom Sharples; Peter Smith (Treasurer; Lee Johnson (Pendle BC Neighbourhood Services, Senior Park Keeper); Paul Clough (LNR Volunteer Manager); David Penney (Chair).
2. **Apologies:** Helen Holmes; Jenni Clough; Sue Penney
3. **Minutes** of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 were accepted as a true record
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - PC to circulate Greenfield Mill entry in "The Textiles Mills of Pendle & their Engines and contact Pendle Archaeology Group.
  - Paul Rawson will be invited to AGM to show old pictures of Greenfield area.
  - Entries for Parks/LNR photo competition to be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016
  - Chris Binney, Tree Officer, is working 3 days in Pendle and 2 in Craven.
  - On advice from Cllr Tony Greaves, Minutes of our meetings will also be sent to Jane Watson at PBC for circulation to members of Colne & District Area and Colne Town Councils.
  - DP has tied up notice board and posted up to date contacts.
  - PC to explore volunteer contacts through "Vedas" and other sources, such as the Ribble RiverTrust while DP will contact BPR Volunteer Bureau in Spring.
5. **LNR Management & Work Report (PC & LJ):**
  - LJ and PC met on LNR to review the Management Plan.
  - LNR had been flooded twice with damage to lower path and a lot of debris scattered along bank of river. Volunteers had gathered debris into piles. PBC will provide a skip for us to use to clear while LJ will see if we would qualify for a grant from the flood fund to repair the path with the help of PEAG.
  - One of the concrete pillars supporting the large waste pipe from the sewage works across the river had collapsed. United Utilities own the pipe and cleared the broken pillar. LJ was looking into ownership of the land between the river and Whitewalls Drive with a view to incorporating this area into the LNR as there is a path leading from LNR upstream to the bridge.
  - It was agreed that the barbed wire fencing along the road adjacent to the woodland is in a state of disrepair and should be removed. The existing trees/bushes have rotted or died along the line of the fencing. Suitable trees/bushes will be planted in their place. LJ will arrange a work team from the "Goodlife Projects" to carry out the work. This will take place on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Feb between 12.30 and 3pm – Volunteers from FOG are welcome to come and help.
  - The management of the upper and lower ponds require attention.
  - LJ will explore the possibility of LNR being awarded Green Flag Community Status and whether LNR would qualify as a Biological Heritage Site.

- It would seem that the Boundary Mill plan to develop the Garden Centre has been dropped and presumably access to site off Whitewalls Drive will not go ahead. If the site is abandoned, then Boundary Mill should be responsible for clearing the site, planting trees they have destroyed, restore the dry stone wall along Greenfield Road and bat sanctuaries. A close watch will have to be kept to ensure the site will not be blighted or a change of use sought without due consultation.

**6. Financial Report (PS):**

- Current FOG LNR Bank Balance: £427.61 with £161.14 from Pick up for Pendle Project transferred to PS's Account.
- The Pick up project is going well. It was suggested that details should be posted on local Facebook Groups.
- LJ reminded us that some of the proceeds from the sale of 5p carrier bags in large stores should go to "particularly environment causes" in the Government Guidelines and Regulations of the Legislation. PS to approach stores in Colne.

**7. Pendle LNR SG report from meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 (DP):**

- LJ would like to see each of the LNRs carry out Habitat Surveys. LWT (John Lamb) would be commissioned to do these surveys funded from PEN fund for LNRs. We agreed that our allocation of PEN funds be used for this purpose on our LNR.
- We will have to monitor the situation over the husky dog project. If it does not meet its objectives and closes, then the land could be considered as an extension to the LNR.
- LWT will see if it can carry out further Biodiversity Surveys in Pendle under its 3 year programme. Lomeshaye has already been surveyed. Gib Hill was suggested as a suitable site in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the project.
- [www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/](http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/) could be approached for grants up to £2k for environmental projects.
- We were encouraged to join in 2016 community projects celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

**8. Pendle Green Infrastructure Strategy (DP):**

- Pendle BC has to develop the above Strategy to be incorporated into Part 2 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy). This will consider the important issue of biodiversity.
- A meeting of interested parties have been invited to a meeting on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016 at 2.15pm in Nelson Town Hall – DP will attend on behalf of the Group.

**9. AOB:**

- Wildflowers (obtained from the L/P Centre), beekeeping, and bug hotels were suggested for Pendle's Green Spaces.
- Fly tipping has increased; a mobile collection service is planned for Pendle.
- Members were encouraged to sign the online petition to LCC to save the Countryside Service and Wycoller Country Park from closure due to Government cuts to local Councils.
- DP gave notice that the Group needs to elect a Secretary at the AGM. He will not be able to cover this post as well as chair as he has been doing since Annette Hawkins departure in Sept 2015.

**10. Date of next Meeting:**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Date & Time: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.15pm**

**Venue: Backroom at the Crown Hotel, Colne**