

Friends of Greenfield Local Nature Reserve

Minutes of Meeting. Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.15pm, Crown Hotel, Colne.

1. Attendance

David Penney (Chair)
Lee Johnson (PBC)
Peter Smith
Paul Rawson
Paul Clough

2. Apologies

Jenni Clough
Helen Holmes

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 18th October 2016 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

- **Review of LNR Management Plan** - Lee Johnson (LJ) stated that intention was to begin the management planning process for the Nature Reserves would begin in February. The Friends will be heavily involved in the process and meetings will be arranged to discuss the management plan and its progress.
- **Ash Dieback** - LJ brought the group up to date. There are confirmed cases of dieback in Marsden Park and there are suspected cases in Alkincoats LNR. It appears that at this stage the disease is attacking young trees that are self-seeded. The mature ashes seem to be fine however, it is difficult to tell without getting up in to the canopy.
- **Volunteer Hours** - Volunteer hours have been passed on to Louise Cooper in the Greenspaces Team.
- **Bat Boxes** - The bat boxes will be installed in the near future. LJ said he had some bird boxes for the group that had been passed on to him from The Goodlife Project. David Penney (DP) expressed the groups thanks to The Goodlife Project. LJ to pass on Marcus Orrell's (Park Keeper) contact details on to Paul Clough (PC)
- **Clean-Up** - PC told the group that the clean-up had been done. A skip was provided by the Greenspaces Team. Help came from both PBC and The Goodlife Project and thanks were expressed.

- **No Parking Sign** - LJ said he would sort out some signage for the cabin with regards to parking.
- **Repair of Fencing** - LJ said he would contact with EAG to look at doing something different with the fencing around the car park. This would also prevent fly tipping. He (LJ) would supply Paul with Marcus' contact details so he could arrange getting some fence rail from Neighbourhood Services.
- **Slippery Boardwalks** - There was some discussion with regard to slippery boardwalks and what to do with them. DP talked about signs that had been put up on the boardwalk at Marsden Park. LJ said he would get some made up and installed.

5. Financial Report

- **Bank Balance** - Peter Smith (PS) reported that there was no change in the group's bank balance which stood at £379.82.
- **Grant Application** - PS reported that he received a letter with regard a grant application to the Clinical Commissioning Group for health related funding. The group had been unfortunately turned down for funding. Some discussion broke about grant applications. LJ said that the Greenspaces Team would gladly help out with funding bids.

6. Work Programme

Some work parties had been carried out and it was planned to become a regular event on the first Saturday of the month from 10am. LJ said that he would allocate Marcus to give the group some help. He would also publicise the events through his channels.

7. Any Other Business

- **Environmental Crime** - A discussion about littering, fly tipping and littering from vehicles was held. LJ told the group that things were being done but the Council were unable to publicise who had been issued a fixed penalty. LJ said that although the Environmental Crime Team (ECT) and Greenspaces Team were small they have been successful in bring about fixed penalties and prosecutions. He also told the group that members of the public could report offences and providing that they were willing to make a statement and go to court the ECT will issue fixed penalties against the offender. The ECT can be contacted on 01282 661661.
- **Big Garden Birdwatch** - The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch will be taking place on the 28th - 30th January. Marcus will be holding a bird count on Saturday 28th at 12pm.
- **Pendle LNR SG** – DP will attend the its next meeting on 18th January and bring up the matter of Fracking and retention of strong Environmental Legislation

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.15pm, Crown Hotel, Colne.