

## **MEETING OF FRIENDS OF ALKINCOATS PARK**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM**

**AT PAVILION CAFÉ**

### **APOLOGIES**

Mary Thomas, Julie Mousedale, Stephen Clamp, Colette McInerney

### **PRESENT**

Marie Oakley, Carol Riley, Brenda Maylor, Marie Jackson, Daryl Wright, Pat Clamp, David Clamp, Glenda Clegg, David Clegg, Audrey Broughton, Vanessa Hothersall, Eileen Eve

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.** These were passed as being accurate.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

We were told that planning permission for the re-siting of the MUGA would be being sought in the near future but that it may not be actually in place till early summer.

It was reported that the new bird tables were very well used.

### **ALKINCOATS WORKING GROUP**

Audrey reported that CTC had agreed to take over the running of the Park from April 1<sup>st</sup> and full maintenance from October. Concerns were expressed about the maintenance until October as members felt that the present level of maintenance was very unsatisfactory. Members also expressed their hopes that new tenders must be enforceable.

### **CAFÉ**

All agreed that the café had surpassed everyone's wildest dreams. Eileen told us that on March 16<sup>th</sup> she was having a roast pork dinner and that there would be 4 free places. Members could put forward names on the Facebook page, of anyone they felt was particularly deserving, and 4 names would then be drawn out of a hat.

### **BOWLING ACADEMY**

The new benches have now been repainted red and the steps white. Two grants have been applied for, one for £10,000 and another for £20,000 to rebuild the walls around the greens that are now collapsing.

### **FUND RAISING**

We are going to apply for the Skipton Building Society grant of £500. The application has to be in by June. It was suggested that if we got this grant we could replace trees along the top of the tennis courts and some up towards the band stand.

Birtwistle community centre are having a fundraising fair and we are hoping to have a stall there. Audrey asked for volunteers.

## **POSSIBLE PROJECTS**

The Bowling Academy asked for a short term loan to start work on the walls around the greens. It was agreed to loan them £1,000 if needed

## **A.O.B.**

Two new litter bins were requested on the all weather pitch. Following the half term holiday Marie Jackson reported that this area was covered in litter, which she cleared up. It was suggested that we would also need a litter bin on the MUGA when installed. Marie Oakley to follow up.

Members asked about new signage for the café. Marie Oakley to follow up.

It was agreed that we enter the RHS In Your Neighbourhood competition again this year.

Suggestions were made about the idea of a feature at the entrance to the park.

Members also talked about the possibility of extending the car park as the park is so well used the car park is always overflowing

Members all wished to extend a huge thank you to Colne Town Council and all involved in the transfer of the park from Pendle Council. THANK YOU!

Members also wished to thank Julie Mousedale for all the support and help she has given us over the years. She will be greatly missed.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**MONDAY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM AT PAVILUON CAFÉ.** This will also be the AGM