



MINUTES

FOG LNR Executive Meeting Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne

1. **PRESENT:** Paul Clough (PC); Paul Rawson (PR); Peter Smith (PS) ; Dave Penney (DP)
2. **APOLOGIES:** None
3. **MINUTES** of 23rd July 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - **Volunteers Hours:** July – Sept 2019 = 88 hours; DP will ask if these returns are still needed by the Council and if Age of Volunteers should be included.
 - **Privatised District Enforcement Scheme:** it was heavily criticised for targeting wrong sort of litter and in the wrong areas, members confirmed the critical report of this service in the Press; DP to urge Council not to renew contract in Feb.
 - **Council Climate Emergency Working Party:** DP to represent LNR at its meeting with Community Groups on 14th November who will suggest more trees be planted in Pendle including around the fields adjacent to the M65, Whitewalls Drive, the back of row of cottages next to LNR Woodland.
 - It was noted that the FoE national environmental survey of Local Authorities revealed that Pendle & the Ribble Valley came out bottom of the league table.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT (PS):**
 - **Expenses:** None
 - **Bank Balance:** £1,764.84
 - **PEN Funds for Greenfield LNR:** DP will ask the Council where has its allocation gone and how much is left to access for maintenance of the LNR.
 - No Report to Tesco's on use of plastic bag grant is required.
6. **WORK PROGRAMME**
 - **Volunteer Manager Report (PC) :** Rubbish finally removed after 7 weeks; wild flower meadow to be created opposite row of cottages; Council has agreed that strimmer can be used by Paul, which will be needed to clear brambles and undergrowth in the New Year; hedges to be created at entrance by car park and along back of green shed to deter dumping of litter; owl and bat boxes to be installed and fallen bird boxes to be reinstalled; railings and decking around the pond to be repaired and new railings to be erected on 3rd set of steps; 2 diseased ash trees with ash die-back adjoining Mark Howarth's field on western border of LNR to be replaced with new trees; lone camper in woodland causing no problems, damage or waste.
 - **Scout Visit to LNR** – 15 took part in activities on the LNR on 26th September.
 - **Working Parties:** One on 5th October was cancelled; last one for season will be on Sat 2nd November.
7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**
 - **Big Butter Fly Count, 19th July – 11th August:** both PR and DP made returns.
 - PS indicated that he would stand down as Treasurer at the AGM due to other commitments.
8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

AGM, Tuesday 14th April 2020 at 7.15 pm, Crown Hotel, Colne