

FRIENDS OF TOWNELEY PARK
(Reg. Charity No. 1144988)

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 22nd January 2014 at Towneley Garden Centre

Present: Maureen Frankland, June Pritchard, Susan Barker, Ronnie Pollard, Linda White, Pat Colbran, Ian Walton, Alex McDonagh, Keith Buchanan, Margaret Crane, John Nuttall, Andy Buck

Apologies: Pat and Pete Ashton. Later apologies from Grayson Holden

All were welcomed to the meeting. New Parking Passes and Registrations forms were distributed. Also Thank You letters from Simon Goff, Pat Colbran and Keith Wilson acknowledged.

Minutes & Matters arising: Minutes from July 24th 2013 were read and passed as a true record. Banner used for Riverside was not suitably robust, we need to buy/make a stronger one. Andy Buck was still waiting to hear from Tuesday Cricket League after Towneley rise in fees. Not as many teams now as before.

Treasurer's Report: Still no-one to take over Treasurer position.

URGENT -Please can everyone think and ask around / volunteer for a new treasurer.

Santa's Grotto made £160 – less expenses (£106.49). Heritage Day made £91. 83. £26.97 paid out of these amounts for bird seed. The rest was banked. £9639 received from HLF for use on pathways. For more details contact Maureen

Officers report: Andy Buck. Bridge at Wetland area still not replaced, no funding available. Susan will contact B.T. for funding/ volunteer workers and Andy will supply a spec., for the bridge if required. New picnic bench to be ordered and installed on Hall side of river. He will get prices for this. A new noticeboard is being ordered by Keith Wilson. Pat Colbran will ask Ward Councillors for monies for this. Gravel from paths need to be removed as it is being washed into drains by heavy rain. Suggest LCC Payback Team be contacted to do this work as a project for them. Linda White will contact them and put them on to A. Buck.

Simon Goff: sent info. regarding collapsed culvert, pathways, bridge, cycle track, Little Children Weak and this was all gone through by the Chair and explained in more detail. One major concern was the Litter from students of Unity College, especially Big Billy Route. FOTP decided to send a letter to Sally Cryer, Head of Unity College and Chair of Governors. We have now planted 12,000 daffodil bulbs in the Park with school children. Bonfire night presented problems with staff and helpers not sure of whether to take tickets from customers. Decided we need a more defined role for this event in future. All tickets were sold and this was a successful evening.

Alexander McDonagh: Gave us a talk about his work and research.

Contact A.D.R.Mcdonagh@edu.salford.ac.uk for more information or to take part.

Feedback from Events /Activities

Heritage Day: needs to go back to being more woodland based. This year may be a Gap Year, as funding is hard to source. There is a mtg., in February about this

N.B. Time and Place have changed – this will now be held at Towneley Hall at 11.30am ALL WELCOME – It will include discussion of Heritage and Woodland and Bonfire.

Bulb planting and Litter pick – very successful.

Bonfire feedback received to be used at planning meeting on Feb 21st.

Gardening Club and lend Lease Day in Italian garden very successful.

Santa at Towneley and 12 days of Christmas very successful. New ideas needed for 2014. Arrange meeting in April to plan.

Concern raised that Scooters may not have been used during Hall closure.

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Spring Activities:

Puppet theatre at the Hall –John Nuttall to clean and additional puppets be used. Suggest it be kept in new Natural History gallery. If not, try to advertise through CVS.

Newsletter – articles prepared. To Graphics mid February. Available at next meeting.

FOTP to lead walks (Susan and Maureen + Andrew) and have visit to Offshoots (Pat C) on Sunday June 1st during visit of Lower Burgh Meadow Conservation Group.

FOTP also to lead summer walks – June 15th – Susan : June 29th – Maureen and Andrew:

July 13th – Alex McDonagh: July 27th – Susan: August 10th Pat + Pete or M+ A: August 24th M+A.?

Gardeners will now meet at entrance to Offshoots starting on Thursday 6th March and every first Thursday in the month thereafter.

World War 1- Little Children week. We need volunteers for Poppy sowing. More details later.

Easter – Nature Trail and Hat Parade, discuss with Pat and Pete Ashton when they are back and call a meeting if necessary. Easter is 20th April – all try to keep date clear for helping.

May 5th is May Day. Suggested we do a Bric a brac, raffle and plant sale to raise funds. Possibly have Exhibition Stand in Peter Thorne's marquee.

June 8th Brass band in the Park – Hebden Bridge Band

NOTICE BOARDS AND SCOOTER EXERCISE! – Members signed up as follows

November	Ronnie Pollard
December	John Nuttall
January 2014	Susan Barker
February	Keith Buchanan
March	June Pritchard
April	Pat and Pete Ashton
May	Pat and Richard Colbran
June	John Nuttall
July	Susan Barker
August	Ian Walton
September	Linda white
October	

BIRD FEEDING and SCOOTER EXERCISE - Members signed up as follows

Monday January 20 th – Sunday January 26 th	Susan Barker
Monday January 27 th – Sunday February 2 nd	June Pritchard and Ronnie
Monday February 3 rd – Sunday February 9 th	Ian Walton
Monday February 10 th – Sunday February 16 th	Ronnie Pollard
Monday February 17 th – Sunday February 23 rd	John Nuttall
Monday February 24 th – Sunday March 2 nd	Pat and Richard Colbran
Monday March 3 rd – Sunday March 9 th	Susan Barker
Monday March 10 th – Sunday March 16 th	Linda White
Monday March 17 th – Sunday March 23 rd	Keith Buchanan

HLF celebrations: suggest buffet, possibly with caterers in the Hall, and exposition of what we have done so far. Steering group to pursue. Draft leaflet circulated and comments welcomed. Maureen to contact EcoArts re completion of deer legs. See www.fotp.btck.co.uk and follow History link for details of history project so far.

Skipton Building Society – Margaret, Pat and Ronnie agreed to help Maureen with display if required.

A.O.B. Point out that next AGM be at 11 a.m. in morning on November 1st, not the usual 2 p.m. in afternoon. All agreed, as yet, no problem.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 26th March at 10.am. Towneley Hall

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