

Natural Kirklees Quarterly Meeting
2pm Thursday 28th June 2018
Beaumont Park Visitor Centre

Attendees	Organisation
Tim Duke	Deputy Chair Natural Kirklees
Mary Kenworthy	Treasurer Natural Kirklees
Joan Vevers	Secretary Natural Kirklees
Christine Senior	Meltham Pleasure Grounds
Matt Renshaw	RRAG
Karen Mayfield	RRAG
Malvern Goodall	Kirklees Badger Group
Jill Lucas	Botany Group
Sylvia Sellen	Friends of Honley/HVCT
Mike Denton	Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Keith Saunders	Slaithwaite Park
Pat Sheard	Friends of Greenhead Park
Glennis Ireland	Friends of Greenhead Park
Bev Corrigan	BHS & HBG
Julie Dempster	Friends of Beaumont Park
Gill Young	Friends of Crow Nest Park
Tim Scott	Burton Environment Group
Rod Payne	Upper Dearne Woodlands CG
David Wilde	Denby Dale PC
Amanda Holroyd	Ward PCSO

Apologies	Organisation
Phil Slater	Don Catchment Rivers Trust
Eric Amende	Spenn Valley Civic Soc
Colin Berry	Spenn Valley Civic Soc
Ed Day	Natural Kirklees
Jane Griffiths	FOGP
Andrew O'Connor	FO Dean Wood
Geoff Bedford	Almondbury Bank Woodland Group
Marianne McLeodhill	FO Storthes Hall Woods
Peter Taylor	FO Storthes Hall Woods
Julian Holroyd	Huddersfield Rotary Club
Bruce Bird	Dewsbury Partnership
Peter Turner	Natural Kirklees
Michael Brook	YWT/Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Helen Claydon	FO Greenhead Park
Jane Griffiths	FO Greenhead Park
Anne Martin	Kirklees Badger Group
Steve Hemming	Honley Village Community Trust
Sue Brown	Growing Works
Susan Doran	Kirklees Countryside Volunteers

Item	Action
------	--------

<p>Introductions</p> <p>Tim welcomed everyone and explained that as Peter has stood down as Chair he would cover in the interim. Everyone introduced themselves and explained who they represented.</p> <p>PCSO Amanda Holroyd and her colleague spoke of their work in the ward, which began 3 months ago, trying to bring the community together in a diverse area. They are tackling anti-social behaviour and trying to get 7, 8 & 9 year olds away from gangs. They are looking for help to provide activities for young people and would like to know what is happening in the area. There are activities in the area for young people to keep them out of trouble and they can signpost people to other areas if necessary. Amanda asked if we have any events which they might be interested in so that they can show children what the police do - showing a positive reaction to the police. Tim mentioned the event in Greenhead Park. If there is anything happening which might help the police please let Amanda know. She can be contacted at amanda.holroyd@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk Tim will email Amanda and she will let us have a list of contacts for each ward.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the Meeting on 15th March 2018</p> <p>These were agreed</p>	
<p>Matter Arising</p> <p>Progress on the HLF Grant - it seems that the grant rules were changed in between applying and the decision. We have spoken to Rob Dalby and he is looking to try to do something in house. The information is available within the Council and we may have more detail for the next meeting. Jill asked about duck food in Greenhead Park and Pat said that it could be purchased at the Café. There are signs to put up to educate people about not feeding bread to ducks. The park does have signs up and they do work but they have been vandalised. Tim will look at getting signs.</p>	TD
<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Kirklees Council gave us £20,000 last year and this year to provide insurance for groups and pay for the tool stores and web site. We have a healthy balance which we have plans for. Some tools need replacing and there is ongoing work on the website. Tim was thanked for his work on the public liability insurance cover. The insurance will renew in September and premiums will probably increase, we also have the option to increase cover to £10 million. The scheme was funded for 3 years and we hope to run the scheme for a fourth year. Tim said that Mary and Bruce did a great job with the website. Next year when we have the last £20,000 we will need to look for alternative funding. Tim Scott asked about having so much money and could we direct some of it so that the balance is not so great. At the end of September there will be provision for future costs this is only an interim account. The money has to remain under the headings of insurance, tool store and website. We are trying to show that the scheme can be extended to 4 or even 5</p>	

<p>years. Jill said that Kirklees College were very cheap for printing and we will look at this if we need printing done but we do not print very much.</p>	
<p>Progress Working with the Kirklees Volunteer Co-ordinators We are working closely with the VC's and they work well with the volunteer groups. Ruth Dodds has a supply of geraniums if anyone would like some. Malvern said that they had 6,000 free crocus corms to offer if anyone was interested and you should contact your local Rotary Club. You can find your nearest one on their website.</p>	
<p>Insurance and Tool Share Not a lot to say at the moment, we have nearly 60 groups and there are still groups who have not taken up the offer. The scheme will renew on 30th September. The tool stores had about 28% take up in the first year. If there are any items you think we should have (except expensive power tools) please let us know. We have a good range of hand tools. Tim was asked if groups could purchase tools at a lower cost or borrow them for a longer period. FOGP should send a list to Mary about what tools they would like to borrow. Tim Scott asked if we had mattocks which we do and will arrange for him to take 3 after the meeting.</p>	
<p>Natural Kirklees/Kirklees Council Charity Fete Sunday 12th August at Greenhead Park Tim spoke about a press release for the event which will allow groups to showcase what they are doing. All of our Groups will receive an invitation. There will be a pop-up Lecture Theatre and we will ask people to give a talk about the work they do. The RSPB have agreed to speak and we will approach Steve Kelly of Learn to Fish and Cliffe House to ask them to speak. We will provide a free lunch for exhibitors and help to set up and pack away. Andy Goff will organise a Spirit of the Event Award with a financial prize to the group who have brought the best ideas and entered into the spirit of the event. If anyone has any ideas the invitation has an easy form to complete. Tables and chairs will be provided but we do not want people to be sat behind their stand but interacting with the public. There will be electric power available. If you have any specific requirements write them on the form.</p>	
<p>Strategic Action Plan We have a 2 page synopsis of the plan kindly produced by Rod Payne. We have looked at several of the aspects and are working towards completing some of the themes. Mary spoke about what has been achieved and there is a lot of work going on throughout Kirklees. If anyone wants the SAP Synopsis we can send an electronic copy.</p>	
<p>Any Unusual Sightings Cuckoos have been seen and heard at Meltham Pleasure Grounds as well as grey wagtails and a young Tawny owl was found dead. Mike said that many of the Swallows and Martins did not make it back from Africa this year. Martins have been seen at Denby Delf along with Yellowhammer. Someone said Black Grouse had been seen at Deer Hill but Mike thought this unlikely.</p>	

Date Time and Venue of the next meeting

27th September 2018 2pm Beaumont Park Visitor Centre. With thanks to FOBP for letting us use the Centre

Any Other Business

Love Parks Week is 13th - 22nd July. This year's theme is "It started in a Park". You can include your event if you go to their website just search Love Parks Week.

Environment Kirklees are holding a Green Drinks event on Tuesday 10th July at Café Ollo in the Media Centre from 17.30 to discuss how we are tackling plastic waste locally, how we can reduce use, increase recycling rates and what can be made from waste plastic. A litter pick on the river at Thornhill recently was all plastic.

Phil Slater sent a report on work on the River Dearne. Friends of the Dearne group has received funding for improvement to the headwaters. Waders have been purchased and other equipment to assist with the safe removal of invasive non-native species like Himalayan Balsam which fires its seeds into the water. The best place to effectively remove plants to prevent re-seeding is at the birthplace of the stream. Our second season of removal has shown approx. 70% reduction on last year. We are also delivering "River Guardians" sessions to First and Primary Schools which covers invertebrate and plant life and are very well received due to Dave Wilde's teaching background. This work will feed into YWT invasive species mapper.

The Green Flag Awards Ceremony is being held at Dewsbury Town Hall on Monday 16th July from 12.45 to 16.30 and tickets are available on the Green Flag website.

About a month ago Patrick Crowley did an event on tool sharpening. Would anyone be interested in trying to get Patrick to go to one of their meetings and demonstrate how to look after tools and sharpen them? TD will speak to PC.

Robert Barraclough has suggested that Natural Kirklees should offer associate membership for groups who do not qualify for the insurance scheme but could use the tool stores and share the wealth of knowledge available. Groups such as S2R working outdoors with a mental health group. Groups should fit into one of the headings on the Action Plan.

Jill suggested that we ask someone from the Council to attend one of these meetings. We normally have at least one of the VC's but Jill would like a Councillor. We could look at the Ward Councillors. She also said that there are plans to build 1800 houses on part of Bradley Golf Course but there are ARK sites there which should be protected. The only protection suggested is to fence them off but as there will

TD/PC

be a large number of children likely to live in these houses fencing is hardly adequate. This kind of thing is not within our remit but it is something we can voice our concerns over to the Council how they should be protecting the ecology and biodiversity of the area.

Friends of Beaumont Park has an event for children on 1st August and want to concentrate on the natural environment of the park. David Wilde and Mike Denton may be able to help.

Tim Scott needs a digger for their project. He was advised to contact their VC.

Karen Mayfield said they were having difficulty getting the Council to collect waste when they have done a litter pick. Andy Goff should be contacted on andrew.goff@kirklees.gov.uk if not contact Tim Duke and he will look into it.

The Charter for Parks will be launched on 21st June Tim read some of their aims out. **MK** will send the information out.

If anyone has anything they want publicising please let Mary know.

MK