

**Natural Kirklees Annual General Meeting**  
**2pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 held at**  
**Beaumont Park Visitor Centre**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Tim Duke	Chair Natural Kirklees
Mary Kenworthy	Treasurer Natural Kirklees
Joan Vevers	Secretary Natural Kirklees
Ed Day	Friends of Beaumont Park
Christine Senior	Friends of Meltham Pleasure Grounds
Phil Slater	Don Catchment Rivers Trust
Keith Hickling	Royds Hall Allotment Ass
Helen Claydon	Friends of Greenhead Park
Jane Griffiths	Friends of Greenhead Park
Helen P	Friends of Greenhead Park
Win Harrison	Holmepride CIA
Karen Harrison	Holmepride CIA
Alan Coe	Friends of Churchfield
Deborah Roberts	Friends of Churchfield
Dave Wilde	Denby Dale Countryside Officer
Ken Gledhill	Birkby Comm Wildlife Garden
Keith Saunders	Friends of Slaithwaite Spa
Andy MacDonald	Friends of Storthes hall Woods
Michael Brook	YWT/Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Mike Denton	Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Jill Lucas	Botanist & Naturalist
Andy Wickham	Volunteer Co-ordinator Rural Area
Deborah Wyles	Fiends of Cliff Rec Holmfirth
D Fallowfield	Easthill Woods
Andy O'Connor	Friends of Dean Wood
Colin Berry	Spenn Valley Civic Society
Max Rathmell	Spenn Valley Civic Society

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Rod Payne	Upper Dearne Woodlands Conservation
Julie Dempster	Friends of Beaumont Park
John Avison	Friends of Mag Wood
Karen Mayfield	Ravensthorpe Residents Action Group
Bev Corrigan	Kirklees Bridleways
Tim Scott	Burton Environment Group
Jane Faulkner	Farnley Tyas Community Group
John Griffiths	Friends of Dean Wood
Jill Young	Friends of Crow Nest Park

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Introductions</b> Tim welcomed everyone and they introduced themselves and their organisation. First of all Tim congratulated Win from Holmepride on	

receiving £6,600 from the Co-op Holmfirth.	
<p><b>Minutes from AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  Tim asked if everyone had read the minutes and asked for a proposer and seconder to confirm that they were a fair copy. Michael Brook proposed and Jill Lucas seconded.</p>	
<p><b>Matter Arising</b>  We have 70 groups on the insurance scheme which has been renewed for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. We have been able to ring fence funding for a 5<sup>th</sup> year. We have also ring fenced an amount for public liability insurance increasing to £10 million but not until we have to. There were some actions for Tim. He has not been able to meet with Jackie Gedman but he meets with the VC's and Rob Dalby who says that Kirklees employees should not put obstacles in the way of groups working on their land.  It was the general opinion of members that Huddersfield Examiner does not have journalists but if you send something which makes sense it usually gets printed and a photograph helps. If anyone has any news they think is worth sending to the Examiner it should be sent to Mary at <a href="mailto:info@naturalkirklees.org">info@naturalkirklees.org</a> for the website and she could send it to the Examiner.</p>	
<p><b>Trustees Annual Report</b>  There were printed copies of the report given to everyone. After the Great Green Get-together and the Huddersfield Live Food and Drink festival we are looking into doing another GGG. Tim ran through some of the ideas. Andy Goff has taken over for Ruth Dodds temporarily (Andy Wickham said that Ruth's post was being advertised) Ruth is still working at the Piece Pit Lane site. Another garden at the 2020 Harrogate Flower Show will probably be created. There are also Parks Development Officers working in Kirklees.  There will be a web page for the Skills Register. Please send information of any skills to <a href="mailto:info@naturalkirklees.org">info@naturalkirklees.org</a> . Keith Hickling explained what should be done.  The joint scheme for Invasive species eradication between Natural Kirklees, River Holme Connections and Kirklees Council has worked on several sites this year and funding is still available and is ring fenced for next season. We have identified other sites already.  We will introduce Natural Kirklees Small Grants Scheme next year. This will be open to member groups, possibly those who have taken up the insurance, for small projects in their local area. We are looking to encourage groups to take part in the In Bloom Scheme. Mirfield volunteers have done a lot of work and have been very successful. If your group have any interest email <a href="mailto:info@naturalkirklees.org">info@naturalkirklees.org</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Treasurers Report</b>  Copies of the accounts were circulated and Mary gave a brief explanation of what they mean. Money is ring fenced for Public Liability increase. We have had permission to provide the Small Grants Scheme and we have more freedom to spend some of the money from Kirklees. Pete Banks has agreed to look after the bat detectors on our behalf. He has said that he will train any group who</p>	

<p>want to borrow them or lead a bat walk.</p> <p>There was a question about further funding for Knotweed. Tim said that some money will come back from the Events but all the funds are restricted. For the Tidy Britain event Kirklees donated litter pickers, gloves and bags, these will be available from the tool stores for next years event.</p>	
<p><b>Appointment of Trustees</b></p> <p>We are a Charitable Organisation and each year certain Trustees must retire from office as per our Constitution. This year Ed and Mary will retire. They have both agreed to stand for re-election. Tim asked for a proposer and Keith Hickling proposed their re-election; Mike Denton seconded the motion. They were voted in unanimously by the members present for another term. We will need further Trustees in the coming year and nominations will be sought from the existing Trustees and Members</p>	
<p><b>Date time and venue of next AGM</b></p> <p>Will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 2pm at Beaumont Park Visitor Centre. We would like to thank Beaumont Park for providing facilities for our meetings.</p>	
<p><b>Any Unusual Sightings</b></p> <p>Mike said that the number of birds of almost every breed are falling and keep on falling. Redwings have been seen in Denby Dale but not in the numbers we used to see. A Heron was seen at Rectory Park and stayed for 4 or 5 days. A Sparrowhawk has been seen at Meltham Pleasure Groups. There was a discussion around feeding bread to ducks; it is a problem when people bring large amounts of bread which then affects the water quality. Also ducklings need protein from invertebrates not bread. Ducks themselves need more than just bread. Dry bread should not be given to any bird. Contact with nature has been found to be beneficial to human wellbeing. Feeding peanuts to birds in summer may be beneficial to adults. There was discussion around a disease Trichomonosis affecting birds and warm damp conditions spread the disease. It is important to keep bird feeders clean to help prevent spread. Green finches are particularly vulnerable.</p>	
<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Meltham Pleasure Ground have produced a video of the construction of the picnic area which has been made. Email <a href="mailto:info@naturalkirklees.org">info@naturalkirklees.org</a> for the link.</p> <p>Jill asked if it was possible to use a microphone as it is difficult to hear some people. Ed said that there was one available at Beaumont Park. Phil mentioned a Don Catchment annual get together. There was mention of an Environment Agency Local Catchment Co-ordinator <a href="mailto:rachelkipling@environment-agency.co.uk">rachelkipling@environment-agency.co.uk</a> .</p> <p>Denby Dale men's shed are having a clearance of joinery equipment if anyone needs tools they can get them from Don Catchment.</p> <p>Win asked for opinions on cordless drills before he purchased one. There were many suggestions which I hope Win noted.</p> <p>Spenn Valley Civic Society has the opportunity to purchase more land</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ED</b></p>

<p>from a farmer and want advice on creating a pond with public access. After discussion he was advised to contact Patrick Crowley the VC for their area. Jill said that the British Dragonfly Association have information on pond creation.</p> <p>Birkby Community Wildlife Garden are having trouble with vandals damaging a bench and want to obtain a recycled plastic one. Kedel Plastics and British Recycled Plastic were both recommended.</p>	
<p><b>Date Time and Venue of Next Meetings</b></p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The last one being the AGM. We would like to make at least one of the meetings, perhaps the June one, an evening meeting at say 7pm. All are Thursdays at Beaumont Park Visitor Centre. Tim thanked Jill for the mince pies which we had enjoyed. He also thanked Mary for preparing the accounts, Joan for the minutes, Ed and Christine for their work.</p>	