

Natural Kirklees Quarterly Meeting
2pm Wednesday 26th January 2022
At Beaumont Park Visitor Centre

Attendees	Organisation
Tim Duke	Trustee Natural Kirklees
Ed Day	Chair Natural Kirklees
Joan Vevers	Secretary Natural Kirklees
Phil Slater	Trustee Natural Kirklees
Christine Senior	Trustee Natural Kirklees
Carol & David Rowatt	Shelley Conservation Group
Ruth Dodds	Kirklees Park Services Manager
Dennis Whittle	Kirklees Park Services Manager
Andy Wickham	Kirklees Volunteer Coordinator
Rachel Palmer	Kirklees Recycling Officer
Dave Wilde	Denby Dale Parish Council
Julie Dempster	FO Beaumont Park
Caz Goodwill	Red House Gomersal, Spen Beck/Mann Dam
Anne Lowe	Kirklees Badger Group
Gill Logan	Kirklees Volunteer Co-ordinator
Michael Brook	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Ali Stopher	EPIKS
Ken Gledhill	Birkby Community Garden
Jane Griffith	FO Greenhead Park
Glenis Ireland	FO Greenhead Park
Bev Corrigan	Kirklees Bridleways/BHS
John Avison	FO Mag Wood
Peter Taylor	Burton Environment Group
Karen & Winn Harrison	Holmepride
Deborah Wyles	Cliffe Rec
Anne Merry	EPIKS/Groundworks
Tim Scott	Burton Petanque

Apologies	Organisation
Jill Lucas	Botanist
Karen Mayfield	Ravensthorpe Residents Ass
David Rudd	Trustee Natural Kirklees
Julie Hirst	Treasurer Natural Kirklees
Christine Sykes	Mirfield in Bloom
Lizzie Winderlinckx	Clems Garden
Gill Young	FO Crow Nest Park
Eric Amende	Spen Valley Civic Society
Andy Goff	Kirklees Council
Colin Berry	Spen Valley Civic Society

Item	Action
<p>Welcome and Introductions Tim welcomed everyone. Each member around the room introduced themselves</p>	
<p>Minutes of the AGM and Matters Arising Tim ran through points from the AGM held on 17th November 2021 mentioning items from those notes. Any matters arising are on the Agenda today.</p>	
<p>Handover of Chair Tim will stand down after 4-5 years as Chair. He thanked all of the members groups for their support and introduced Ed as the new Chair. Ed thanked Tim for doing such a grand job over the years.</p>	
<p>Natural Kirklees - The Future Ed said that as he is taking over the chair, he had asked the fellow trustees to review the role of Natural Kirklees and presented the following with the agenda and slightly amended. He asked the Members if there is anything else they think we should be doing but are not and to let him know by email at ed@naturalkirklees.org.</p> <p>The role of Natural Kirklees is considered to be -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assisting in the establishment of new “friends of” groups in terms of advice regarding their management, constitution and objectives. •Providing ongoing support to members with news, regulatory documents (e.g. risk assessments and policies) and advice where we have experience or expertise. •Providing public liability insurance and cover for tools to full, constituted members to an agreed value (currently £5m) with the council. •Providing tools on loan to the public from two tool stores at Beaumont and Wilton Parks •Organising and holding quarterly meetings of members to enable discussion and exchange of views on relevant matters. •Providing small grants for improvement work for constituted members and on site training for the eradication of Japanese Knotweed where funding allows. •Providing a frequent newsletter informing members of relevant matters. •Providing a web site for members and the public to identify volunteering opportunities, member details, green space locations, volunteer coordinator contacts, details of helpful resources and a depository of useful documentation. A link to Facebook and our newsletters to provide a news and interest feed for those not subscribed to these media. •Providing a Social Media presence advertising what Natural Kirklees and its members are undertaking and provide a source of interest for things natural in Kirklees 	

<p>edible plants and flowers. Winn requested that the Council supply plants?</p> <p>NK will have regular meetings with the Council to rebuild our relationship following Rob Dalby's death. Dennis can do site meetings. Email is the best means of contacting them. Ali asked for email addresses and ED will put them in the newsletter.</p> <p>Mark White is responsible for Green Spaces PROW Action Team and Enforcement. From a practical perspective Dennis also has some responsibility and ED asked that NK be involved where relevant, especially following the demise of Kirklees Countryside Volunteers Tim S asked about improving entrance to sites and Dennis said he would look at the entrance to Kirkburton Park Way and get back to Tim S.</p> <p>Ed asked on behalf of Gill Young whether the current waiver of fees for events in parks organised by charities would cease in March. Ruth confirmed this waiver would continue. Ed to send Gill's email to Ruth, so that she can confirm to Gill.</p> <p>Caz asked about Patrick's replacement for his former area. Dennis responded that the council is not recruiting for this position at present but working with Tilly and looking at projects and prioritising them. Dennis will contact Caz to discuss.</p>	<p>ED (Actioned)</p> <p>DW</p> <p>RD</p> <p>DW</p>
<p>Natural Kirklees Facebook Relaunch</p> <p>Phil has relaunched the Facebook site and has a volunteer working on it. The web site was a more suitable as a library for documents. Facebook is better for group activities and we can link Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc under one umbrella and our volunteer will respond to posts. Phil requested the members to like and share our Facebook page to grow a greater following and for this to become our source for passing on news and events. A request for a Facebook workshop was made and ED agreed to organise one with Julie Dempster who runs social media accounts for Beaumont Park and Colne Valley Museum and Anne Merry EPIKS and possibly Kat, Phil's volunteer will help. Another request was made to ED to publish all the Facebook URL's to all the members. This will be done with a Newsletter</p>	<p>ED</p> <p>ED (Actioned)</p>
<p>Natural Kirklees Web Site Update</p> <p>ED explained that the NK website will be more of an source for searching volunteer opportunities, green spaces to visit and an information base of members and relevant documents to set up and run the groups, we will still link Facebook into the website and the newsletter will continue to be produced and be on the website. We are looking for volunteers to run the day to day aspects of the site once it has been updated - volunteers?</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p>	

<p>The Co-op bank issue requiring NK to act as a parent organisation question is still ongoing. Virgin Money will provide accounts for charities and Ben Mallinson in the Huddersfield branch was very helpful.</p> <p>Ali provided feedback from Climate Voices seminar and Tom Taylor Community Groups. There was interest in North Kirklees for environmental issues and should search for member groups on our website or contact Ed and he will email the relevant members or they can contact Tom at hello@climatevoices.co.uk . Ed will publish the report from the seminar via the newsletter.</p> <p>Local Nature Reserves - can anyone help, there are quite a few in Kirklees please contact Ruth.</p> <p>Local Fungi Groups. Michael made a note and will find the contact and let Rachel know (Rachel.Palmer@kirklees.gov.uk).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AS/ED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ED (Actioned)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MB</p>
<p>Any Unusual Sightings Ruth said that a Red Kite had been seen over Slaithwaite.</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed Ed thanked everyone for coming and especially Julie and FoBP for allowing us to use the Visitor Centre and providing the teas and coffees and Christine for the excellent cake.</p>	