

**Natural Kirklees Trustees Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 4pm Teams Meeting**

Attendee	Organisation
Ed Day	Natural Kirklees
Tim Duke	Chair Natural Kirklees
Joan Vevers	Secretary Natural Kirklees
Christine Senior	FO Honley Old Wood
David Rudd	FO Beaumont Park
Phil Slater	Upper Dearne Catchment
Julie Hirst	Treasurer
Stefanie Rofke	Rocher Wood

Item	Action
<p><b>Website</b> Ed said that we own the code to our website. Stef said that there were some problems with our website it should introduce your services and attract members to the insurance scheme and tool store. It needs to be simplified and be easier to search for information. There are hardly any pictures which are important. There is a lot of text which is confusing. The colours on the website do not stand out. Ed pointed out that we have left members to update their information as they want to but we need to ask members who have insurance to complete an application again and publish a trustee contact using an email via NK not a personal account. <b>Dave and Phil</b> will help with improving the website by the end of April. <b>Stef</b> will set up a test website to iron out any problems. She also mentioned the costs of hosting the website.</p>	<p><b>DR/PS</b></p> <p><b>SR</b></p>
<p><b>Small Grants</b> We have received £11,000 from the Council. There was discussion around the Council supporting Biodiversity and Community which we must bear in mind. <b>ED</b> will send a newsletter asking if anyone wants to apply. It was agreed that the total amount would be £7,500 distributed similarly to last time. There was discussion around invasive species and River Holme Connections who have trained operatives who can treat Japanese Knotweed with chemicals over a period of time. Phil said that the Environment Agency paid for work on the Don Catchment and this should apply to the Holme system for recording sightings of invasive species. Ed mentioned that Julian Faulkner is now invasive species officer for the Council. It was agreed to go ahead with the small grants and <b>Ed</b> will contact Mark at RHC, also that the VC's must be made are of any work. Tim said that Pete Banks was moving to PROW and VC numbers seem to be dwindling and may be being replaced with desk bound people</p>	<p><b>Ed</b></p>
<p><b>Any Other Business</b> Christine mentioned that they had won the case to stop the re-routing of the footpath at Wolfstones as it would have come out at a dangerous place.</p>	

Two people have applied for Associate Membership. Both have applied for 22<sup>nd</sup> April so that they can borrow tools.

Phil asked about a risk assessment for an event on 2<sup>nd</sup> April for people doing a wildlife survey and would this be covered by the insurance. After discussion it was agreed that if he managed this as a member it was covered. Ed said that Simon at RHC may have a risk assessment he could use.

**Ed** agreed to send Stef a list of people on the Council so that she knows who people are when they are mentioned.

**ED**