

Natural Kirklees
Quarterly Meeting Thursday 15 March 2018 2pm
At Beaumont Park Visitor Centre

Attendees	Organisation
Peter Turner	Natural Kirklees
Mary Kenworthy	Treasurer Natural Kirklees
Ed Day	Natural Kirklees
Christine Senior	WAW/Friends of Meltham Pleasure Ground
Susan Doran	Kirklees Countryside Volunteers
Bruce Bird	The Dewsbury Partnership
Helen Claydon	Friend of Greenhead Park
Jane Griffiths	Friends of Greenhead Park
Jill Lucas	Botany Group
Win Harrison	Holmepride
Karen Harrison	Holmepride
Tim Scott	Kirkburton Enviro Group
Keith Saunders	Friends of Slaithwaite Spa
Andrew Goff	Volunteer Coordinator Kirklees Council
Kim Warren	River Holme Connections
Apologies	
Pat Sheard	Friends of Greenhead Park
Andrew O'Connor	Friends of Dean Wood
D. Wilde	Denby Dale Conservation Group
Emma Mills	Kirklees Landscape Architect
John Griffiths	Friends of Dean Wood
Andrew O'Connor	Friends of Dean Wood
Rod Payne	Upper Dearne Woodlands Conservation Group
Sal Kerry	Friends of Norman Park
Tim Duke	Vice Chair/Friends of Rectory Park
Sue Shaw	Badger Protection Group
Peter Taylor	Friends of Storthes Hall Woods
Julie Dempster	Friends of Beaumont Park
Peter Taylor	Friends of Storthes Hall Wood

Item	Action
Introductions Peter opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Around the room everyone introduced themselves.	
Minutes accepted - There was a change of meeting date Matters Arising No matter arising	
Treasurer's Report Mary distributed copies of the accounts and explained the figures shown.	
Progress on Working with Kirklees Council Volunteer Coordinators Peter said the VC's were going a great job and members agreed.	
Insurance and Tool Share Schemes Tim Duke sent his apologies and here is what he would have said.	

“Toolstore:

The tool stores have been open for nearly 12 months now and despite a slow start (especially at Wilton Park) they are being used on a more regular basis. We have since found out that a lot of the larger, more established groups have their own tools and equipment and only need to use our facility for big volunteer days such as the recent Keep Britain Tidy big clean up or one off project work. This is absolutely fine, it's what we are here for.

We are targeting the smaller group that is recently formed who don't have the resource of the established groups and hopefully we can enable them to start projects or tidy up events without the expense of buying tools straightaway.

I will produce some facts and figures around the usage and group size for the next meeting but in the meantime we are open on Friday mornings between 10:00am and 12 Noon.

Insurance:

The Insurance scheme has been running since September 2016, we now have over 50 member groups signed up to our insurance scheme which represents around half of the members signed up since we became a Charity. I recently asked for feedback from groups using the insurance and toolstore schemes and was very pleased with the responses. It seems that the cost savings has enabled groups to free up funding for other things and as one group said it frees them from the hassle of searching through renewal quotes every year. It really is a win win situation, so why aren't the rest of you signed up? If you want to discuss the policy any further or have any questions please contact me (everyone has my e mail address).

We had a recent enquiry from Tim Scott at BEG regarding the types of cover available for the new trend of public participation events (I presume he means things like the KBT big clean up), leisure pursuits and Kirklees organised events.

To take these one at a time:

I have spoken to our brokers and public participation events can be dealt with two ways. If, like the Keep Britain Tidy event you are taking part in one of their organised and publicised clear ups then these are normally covered by the organisers (KBT) insurance but you are best to check directly with them that this is the case (normally at least one member of their staff will be present). If this is not the case or if you are doing an event of your own on the back of a national event (for instance if there isn't an organised event near you but you can organise your own similar event) then the Natural Kirklees policy will cover you to hold this, It comes under the category of Events and the policy covers you for events of less than 500 people.

I am not quite sure what you mean by leisure pursuits but, as ever it depends who is organising it and the type of pursuit. If it is something you are organising in your own park etc and it does not

<p>fit into any of the categories covered in the Natural Kirklees policy document then you must first check with the brokers to see if cover is in place or can be arranged. If it is a pursuit that you or some of your members are taking part in at another venue then you must check with the venue that their insurance covers you whilst taking part.</p> <p>The last one is relatively easy if it is a Kirklees organised event and at least one of their members of staff is in attendance with their knowledge and in a supervisory capacity then the Kirklees insurance covers the event. This should apply whether on Kirklees land or not as one can presume that they have permission from the landowner but it is always advisable to check.</p> <p>The easiest way to be sure you are covered is to check first, ring our brokers and ask them, if it is not covered extra cover to suit may be available (at a cost !). If it is a third party organised event check with the organisers. Don't forget to do your risk assessments as well!</p> <p>The thorny subject of 5 or 10 million pounds of public liability cover rumbles on I am taking advice from our brokers and trying to get some agreement from Kirklees, I will report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>If anybody wants any more clarification tell them to contact me and I will deal with it when I get back (early April)"</p> <p>Jane Griffiths (FoGP) reported that they have submitted their summer events to the council and have been told that they need £10m PL insurance (FoGP have NK insurance). Jane also reported that some groups have been told that they will be charged for holding events. Andy Goff said he would chase this matter up. Tim Scott (BEG) reported they had received a grant for the trim trail and BEG would maintain it - the insurance aspect needs to be confirmed. Huddersfield Petanque Club has received a grant and the council says they need insurance. Bruce Bird (DP) said event participation and activities should be covered by the council. Susan Doran (KCV) said all events should have risk assessments. Bruce Bird - all these grey areas need to be sorted to ensure we have frictionless working. Peter to talk to councillors and draft a letter for clarification. Jill Lucas suggested contacting another council to see how they operate.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>PT</p>
<p>Progress on HLF Grant We have just been notified that the grant was not approved. Andy has spent a lot of time on the application and Kirklees were encouraged to apply. Reasons given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrating low value for money, particularly the staff costs. - The proposal did not achieve the outcomes of the grant programme. 	<p>PT/AG</p>

<p>Peter said we are back to square one and suggested groups obtain small grants. Peter and Andy Goff to discuss further. Bruce Bird - gives the perception that Kirklees aren't getting a look in.</p>	
<p>Christine Senior said friends groups are able to raise money. Cliffe Woods Light up the woods event raised £800 by bucket collection. This type of event will be in Meltham Pleasure Gardens next October and Cliffe Woods in November. Jane Griffiths - HODs (Heritage Open Days in September) these are national events and Kirklees will publicise your event if you contact them, such as guided walks and building tours.</p>	
<p>Any Unusual Sightings Jane Griffiths - Edgerton Park, Kaffir Road rare fungi observed not previously seen in Yorkshire. Chris Yates (formerly of Tolson Museum) has reported this. Large Badger seen at Slaithwaite Spa Park. Swan has gone from Greenhead Park</p>	
<p>Date Time and Venue for the Next Meeting The next meeting will be 2pm on Thursday 28 June 2018 at Beaumont Park Visitor Centre.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business Jill Lucas - How has Greenhead Park got Green Flag when the lake is in a bad state. Feeding ducks causes problems, youngsters are being educated not to feed bread and duck food can be purchased from the café. It is being sorted, the problem being no free flow of water. Jill said only native plants should be considered for planting. Tim Scott - 100 years commemoration of WWI - lighting up events are be organised. Win Harrison (Holmepride Community in Action) Lee Brown works for Peak Group which is a heating company via Viessman. They will put heating systems in for community group buildings, they get people from various companies eg Plumbase. They have 6 more programmes this year. Project must be April to October. See facebook - Hero's for Heat. All they want at the end is a thank you. Jane Griffiths would like you to support their Tesco bags for help. Vote for FO Greenhead Park Andy Goff - Greenhead Park Flower Show Saturday 11 August Charity event Sunday 12 August. Bruce Bird - Strategic Action Plan should be put on the agenda Meeting closed 15.20</p>	