

**Natural Kirklees Annual General Meeting
2pm Thursday 29th November 2018 held at
Beaumont Park Visitor Centre**

Attendees	Organisation
Tim Duke	Chair Natural Kirklees
Mary Kenworthy	Treasurer Natural Kirklees
Joan Vevers	Secretary Natural Kirklees
Peter Turner	Trustee Natural Kirklees
Rod Payne	Upper Dearne Woodlands Group
Stephen Knight	Netherton TRA
Pat Sheard	Friends of Greenhead Park
Seonaidh Jamieson	Calder & Colne Rivers Trust
Steve Moorhouse	Friends of Wilton Park
Phil Slater	Don Catchment Rivers Trust
Keith Hickling	Friends of Greenhead Park
Helen Claydon	Friends of Greenhead Park
Jane Griffiths	Friends of Greenhead Park
Pat Sheard	Friends of Greenhead Park
Lorraine Fletcher	Friends of Churchfield
Win Harrison	Holmepride CIA
Karen Harrison	Holmepride CIA
Malvern Goodall	Kirklees Badger Group
Bruce Bird	The Dewsbury Partnership
Dave Wilde	Denby Dale Countryside Officer
Tim Scott	Burton Environment Group
Keith Saunders	Friends of Slaithwaite Spa
Susan Doran	Kirklees Countryside Volunteers
Michael Brook	YWT/Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Mike Denton	Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Jill Lucas	Botanist & Naturalist
Andy Wickham	Volunteer Co-ordinator Rural Area

Apologies	Organisation
Christine Senior	Friends of Meltham Pleasure Grounds
Gill Young	Friends of Crow Nest Park
Julie Dempster	Friends of Beaumont Park
Marianne McLeod Hill	Friends of Storthes Hall Wood
Bev Corrigan	Kirklees Bridleways
Peter Taylor	Friends of Storthes Hall Woods

ITEM	ACTION
Introductions Tim welcomed everyone and they introduced themselves and their organisation.	
Minutes from AGM on 30th November 2017 Tim confirmed that the Volunteer Co-ordinators are now linked with the Parks Development Officers. They will deal with the capital	

<p>budget for the sites and the VC's will liaise with Friends of Groups. Community Green Flag Awards will run again in 2019. We have 63 groups on the insurance scheme and this has been renewed for 3 years without a claim. We have managed to secure funding for a 4th year. Renewal is in September 2019. We have funds ring fenced in case the increase in Public Liability cover comes in. The tool stores are working Ok and long term loans are increasing. Comoodle cleared out Childrens' Services stock and many groups benefited. The Strategic Action Plan is ongoing; there are 5 themes and we have completed 2 of them. We are looking at several training schemes in the New Year.</p>	
<p>Matter Arising No matters arising other than on the Agenda</p>	
<p>Trustees Annual Report A copy of the report, which sums up what has been done in the last year, has been sent to everyone. Thanks were given to Ruth Dodds for her work at the Peace Pit Lane project and congratulations for the awards won at the Harrogate Show. Thanks also to Bruce for his work on improving the website. We will be looking to include bio blitz information on the site next year. We will also look at the need to grow the public perception and knowledge of the group. The report will be submitted to the Charity Commission.</p>	
<p>Treasurers Report Copies of the accounts were circulated and Mary gave a brief explanation of what they mean. Money is ring fenced for Public Liability and insurance as well as extra cover for things like the use of chain saws. Tim said he would make sure that Wilton Park received a copy of the current insurance terms.</p>	<p>TD</p>
<p>Appointment of Trustees We have 6 Trustees and last year we all had to resign and offer ourselves for re-election. This year 2 of the 6 must resign and the 2 who have are Robert Barraclough and Peter Turner. Robert has not put himself forward for re-election due to an increasing workload but we have persuaded Peter to stand for re-election. Tim asked for a proposer and Phil Slater proposed with Steve Knight seconding. There was unanimous agreement from the members. That gives us 5 Trustees which is more than our constitutional minimum of 4. We will be looking to appoint 1 more in the New Year once we have sorted out the role. We will look to the Membership for nominations. This is also the case for new committee members.</p>	
<p>Date time and venue of next AGM Will be Thursday 28th November 2019 2pm at Beaumont Park Visitor Centre. We would like to thank Beaumont Park for providing facilities for our meetings.</p>	
<p>Seonaidh Jamieson Calder and Colne Rivers Trust Spoke about her work with the Rivers Trust and RSPB offering her help to Natural Kirklees groups. Phil Slater said that the work of the Don Catchment could be of interest to her as they have carried out work similar to what she will be doing.</p>	

<p>If anyone wishes to contact Seonaidh her details will be on our website shortly.</p>	
<p>Rod Payne Sharing Management Plans Rod gave a presentation on how the Upper Dearne Woodlands Group had developed their Management Plans, explaining how they had begun and how the plans have been developed over the years. Each year looking at what work has been done (or not) and what work they would undertake in the next year. Tim thanked Rod for an interesting and helpful presentation and urged groups to take up Rod's offer to help them put together their own Management plan.</p> <p>Rod is happy to do this on a group by group workshop basis. Rod's latest Management Plan is on the Website in the Document Store for everyone to look at.</p> <p>There then followed a discussion about how Kirklees employees seem to put obstacles in the way of groups carrying out work on Kirklees land. It was thought that Council policies or not helping volunteer groups when carrying out work. Tim will be meeting with Jackie Gedman and will investigate these policies.</p>	<p>TD</p>
<p>Dave Bowers Safer Kirklees could not be here today but will be at our next meeting on the 21st March 2019</p>	
<p>Any Other Business Big Garden Birdwatch you can register from the 12th December for the 26th-28th January 2019.</p> <p>Tim attended the Don Network Day in Sheffield and reported that as ever it was a very informative event showing just how much work is done in the Don Catchment Area, hopefully now we have made contact with Seonaidh we can work with the similar organisation in our area.</p> <p>There was a presentation by Ellie Barham of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust about Invasive species and details of a conference in February 2019 will be passed onto members in due course. Tim has a meeting in December with River Holme Connections and is trying to put together an eradication programme for 2019 between them, ourselves and Kirklees Council. Details of this will be given when finalised.</p> <p>Third Sector Leaders (includes Volunteering Kirklees) have a lot of volunteers who can help with projects which groups are planning. Details of these schemes will be reported on at future meetings</p> <p>Jill suggested that we should try to get an Examiner journalist to come to one of our meetings. We have enquired but they are not interested in attending. We can put a press release together for them. Tim will investigate.</p>	<p>TD</p>

<p>Steve Moorhouse said that the Wilton Park Committee Minutes between 1910 -74 were a treasure trove of information on the park in those days. There are Borough Archives in Kirklees which would hold useful information.</p>	
<p>Date Time and Venue of Next Meetings 21st March 2019 20th June 2019 28th November 2019 (AGM) All are Thursdays 2pm at Beaumont Park Visitor Centre</p>	