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Dear Member

Friends of Hollingworth Lake

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meeting on the 10 January 2019 along with a draft agenda for the next meeting on the **25 April 2019**. Please note that the meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held at the Visitors Centre.

Should anyone have any items for the agenda, please contact me before the next meeting so that a revised agenda may be circulated.

I look forward to seeing you on the 25 April 2019

Yours sincerely

Jane Taylor-Holmes
Secretary

FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Thursday 25 April 2019 at 7.30pm at Hollingworth Lake Visitors Centre

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Approval of minutes of meeting on 10 January 2019
5. Matters Arising from previous meeting
6. Correspondence
7. Meetings update; Management / HL Working Group – 16th January 2019 (update within the minutes), next meeting 24th April 2019.
8. Finance Update
9. Ranger Update
10. Future Strategy of the Group
11. Ongoing projects and updates
 - Littleborough Civic Trust – Signage Group
 - Enviro-gym
 - Vileda – Pond & Meadow & Bird Hide refurbishment project
 - Bird boxes
 - Events
 - Sensory garden – maintenance and upkeep
 - Wildlife update
12. Date / Time of next meeting

All meetings to commence at 7.30pm and be held at the Visitors Centre

Thursday 18 July 2019

AGM – October 2019 – to be arranged

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE
MEMBERS MEETING 10 January 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Ray Smith, (RS), member and Chair, Jim Taylor (JT), Director / member, Martin Rodgers, Member, Johanna Dobbs, Member, Andrew Huyton, Member, Pat Carline, Member, Vivienne Ashworth, Director / Member.

Judy Alderson, Ranger
Claire Costigan, Link 4 Life

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Rae Street, Director & Member, Jean Bogg, Member, Nigel Eves, Treasurer, Kath Clegg, Cllr. Ann Stott (JP), Member, Mr & Mrs Greenwood, Simon Hitchen and Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary.

3. Declarations of Interest

RS explained that he was also the Chair of Pennines in Bloom and confirmed that he would continue in both posts which were complimentary.

4. Appointment of Ray Smith as Director / Trustee

Ray Smith was appointed as Director and Trustee, it was agreed that Jane Taylor-Holmes would make the necessary filings with Companies House and the Charity Commission.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 October 2018 were agreed as a correct record; Jim Taylor & Andrew Huyton.

6. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Correspondence

The claim for an accident on Lake Bank. This was either a matter for RMBC or Link 4 Life.

8. Meetings update – Hollingworth Lake Working Group – 16 January 2019

Update from Ray Smith; Information given;

1. The hedge on lake Bank public footpath, suggested that in future the hedge be cut sloping away from the footpath from the ground to the top of the hedge.
2. UU work to trees area from water level to public footpath – that UU had missed a good opportunity whilst the water level was low to undertake the proposed cutting back of the trees to give viewing areas so that the public could see the lake in chosen areas.
3. Blocked gullies Lake Bank – Highways stated that the gullies in Lake Bank Road had been inspected and found to be clear. Commented that the only outlet for these gullies went into the Lake and were blocked from the back wall across the footpath last time done about three years ago and done by jet wash. Highways agreed to investigate further.
4. Outlined meeting with Claire Costigan (details below)
5. Next meeting scheduled for 24 April 2019

9. Finance Update

£18,181.11 balance in the bank. This included £17,331.62 which had been received from Freudenberg (in relation to the Vileda project)

10. Ranger update

The Rangers report is attached to the electronic minutes (hard copy available by request).

11. Future strategy of the Group

RS explained that he had met with Claire Costigan on 20 November 2018 and a number of issues had been agreed. These were as follows;

1. The moving of the herb bed to the grassed area adjacent to the Visitors Centre.
2. The raised bed adjacent to the play area at the bottom of Rakewood Road and on the pavilion is to be planted by Ranger service
3. FoHL would plant a bed at the Pavilion and replant the lavender bed in front of the visitors centre. Noted the siting of the moorland information sign.
4. FoHL expressed concern about lighting outside the Visitors Centre and in the immediate carpark at the front, CC agreed to discuss this with RBC.

Link 4 Life update

CC provided a report, this is attached to the electronic minutes (hard copy available by request).

12. Ongoing projects and updates

- Littleborough Civic Trust – Signage Group – no information provided

- Enviro-gym – complete.
- Vileda – Pond & Meadow & Bird Hide refurbishment project – work already undertaken included;
 - i. Cleaning out of pond
 - ii. Cut back rake and seed
 - iii. Cut back areas in nature reserve, create some dead hedges
 - iv. Plus some hedge laying
 - v. 22nd January, Group to undertake the making of bird boxes, installation thereafter.
- Bird boxes – bird box installation had been included on the funding bid for the dipping pond and other areas.
- Events – see Rangers report
- Sensory garden – The Ranger Service in conjunction with the Green Volunteers would support upkeep and maintenance.
- Wildlife update – JT and AH provided an update, confirmed that there was not much bird activity currently due to the season. The water level had nearly increased to its natural level.
- Shore Moss – Andrew Huyton agreed to provide some more information in relation to that.

13. Any other business

None

14. Date for next meeting

Thursday 25 April 2019