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Dear Member

Friends of Hollingworth Lake

Happy New Year!

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meetings (quarterly and AGM) on the 11 October 2018 along with a draft agenda for the next meeting on the **10 January 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 10 January 2019

Yours sincerely

Jane Taylor-Holmes
Secretary

FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Thursday 10 January 2019 at 7.30pm at Hollingworth Lake Visitors Centre

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Appointment of Director / Trustee – Ray Smith
5. Approval of minutes of meeting on 11 October 2018
6. Matters Arising from previous meeting
7. Correspondence
8. Meetings update; Management / HL Working Group – 16th January 2019
9. Finance Update
10. Ranger Update
11. Future Strategy of the Group
12. 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
13. Date / Time of next meeting

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

Thursday 25 April 2019

Thursday 18 July 2019

AGM – October 2019 – to be arranged

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE
MEMBERS MEETING 11 October 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Taylor (JT), Director / member and Chair of the meeting, Rae Street, Director & Member, Jean Bogg, Member, Johanna Dobbs, Member, Andrew Huyon, Member, Kathleen Mills, Member, Frank Mills, Member, Ray Smith, Member, Cllr. Ann Stott (JP), 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 Pat Carline, Nigel Eves, Treasurer, Kath Clegg, Vivienne Ashworth, Director and Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 July 2018 were agreed as a correct record; Rae Street & Frank Mills

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Correspondence

JT explained that an email from a firm of Solicitors had been received, this was in relation to a trip along lake bank and ownership of the pathway. JTH had responded to explain that this was not within the ownership or responsibility of the FoHL.

Partnership agreement – this was read to members and this was discussed. It was noted that RMBC had temporarily handed over the running of the Lake to Link 4 Life. It was agreed that Ray Smith would discuss this further with Ian Trickett.

Rochdale Field Naturalists – about the Wild Rochdale event to be held in November 2018 at St Mary's Church.

6. Finance Update

£820.10 balance in the bank.

7. Ranger update

Judy Alderson read out the quarterly report from Nature Ed.

8. Future strategy of the Group

It was agreed that the strategy of the Group would be reviewed once Ray Smith was Chair.

Link 4 Life update

CC talked about the work undertaken throughout the Summer, many children had attended and used the facilities, this had been particularly successful when reaching children suffering with mental ill health.

CC confirmed that she had contacted all the local stakeholders around the Lake and was pleased by the meetings, good feedback had been received.

9. Ongoing projects and updates

- Littleborough Civic Trust – Signage Group – ongoing – current work was around walks around Littleborough Town Centre.
- Enviro-gym – complete.
- Bird boxes – ongoing
- Events – Bio Blitz would be held with volunteers supporting, this was one of the events to be held through the Vileda bid.
- Sensory garden – U3A gardening group had folded. It was agreed that the Green Volunteers would be approached to support upkeep and maintenance.
- Wildlife update – JT and AH provided an update, the continued low water levels and the wild birds which had been attracted were discussed.

10. Any other business

None

11. Date for next meeting

Thursday 10 January 2019

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11 October 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Taylor (JT), Director / member and Chair of the meeting, Rae Street, Director & Member, Jean Bogg, Member, Johanna Dobbs, Member, Andrew Huyon, Member, Kathleen Mills, Member, Frank Mills, Member, Ray Smith, Member, Cllr. Ann Stott (JP), Member,

Judy Alderson, Ranger
Claire Costigan, Link 4 Life

1. Welcome and Introductions / Minutes of the previous AGM held on the 12 October 2018

The Chairman welcomed the members and the meeting commenced.

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 12 October 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Rae Street & Kath Mills

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Pat Carline, Nigel Eves, Treasurer, Kath Clegg, Vivienne Ashworth, Director and Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Group's activities 2017/18

The members accepted the summary of activities, in the absence of a Chairman, this was presented by Jim Taylor.

Of particular note; the walks undertaken, the improvement of the Enviro-gym and the improvement of the website.

4. Report and Presentation of the Accounts on behalf of the Treasurer

The members considered the Treasurers report. It was noted that the financial year-end was 31st May 2018 and that the figures were in the process of being checked by the Independent Examiner and on approval would be submitted to Companies House and the Charity Commission.

To year end 31st May 2018
Opening balance; £624.52
Income; £4258.00
Expenditure; £4062.42
Closing balance; £820.10

The accounts were approved subject to any amendment by the Independent Examiner.

5. Setting Subscriptions

The members agreed to the following annual subscription;

£10 – for all individuals

£3 – for under 16 year olds.

6. Elections

The Committee was elected as follows;

Ray Smith, Chair

Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary

Nigel Eves, Treasurer,

Stephanie Mills, Committee member

Vivienne Ashworth, Committee member

Rae Street, Committee member responsible for press liaison

Jim Taylor, Committee member and Hollingworth Lake Volunteer.

7. Any other business

The dates of meetings were set for the following year as follows;

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

Thursday 10 January 2019

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