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Dear Member

**Friends of Hollingworth Lake**

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meeting on the 11 January 2018 along with a draft agenda for the next meeting on the 19 April 2018. Please note that the meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held at the Visitors Centre.

We have invited Andy King, Chief Executive at Link 4 Life to attend the meeting, he has provisionally accepted so hopefully, we should get the opportunity to meet with Andy and discuss our future working arrangements. If Andy cannot attend, he has also been invited to the meeting in July.

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 19 April 2018.

Yours sincerely

Jane Taylor-Holmes  
Secretary

## FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Thursday 19 April 2018 at 7.30pm at Hollingworth Lake Visitors Centre

### DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of minutes of meeting on 11 January 2018
4. Matters Arising from previous meeting
  - Draft Partnership Agreement with RMBC
  - Hollingworth Lake Working Group meeting
  - Website
  - Enviro-gym Pennine Township Application
5. Correspondence
  - Letter from Ray Smith, Pennines in Bloom
6. Finance Update
  - Bank mandate – additional signatory
7. Governance Update & Code of Conduct
8. Ranger Update
9. Future Strategy of the Group
  - RSPCA at the Visitors Centre planned meeting on 26 April
10. Ongoing projects and updates
  - Littleborough Civic Trust – Signage Group
  - Enviro-gym
  - Bird boxes
  - Events
  - Sensory garden – maintenance and upkeep
  - Wildlife update
11. Any other business
12. Date / Time of next meeting

All meetings to commence at 7.30pm and be held at the Visitors Centre  
Thursday 19 July 2018

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE  
MEMBERS MEETING 11 January 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Taylor, Director / member and Chair for the meeting, Rae Street, Director / Member, Jean Bogg, Member, Pat Carline, Member, Jill Greenwood, Member, Nigel Stanley, Member, Nigel Eves, Treasurer, Member, Vivienne Ashworth, Member, Jane Taylor-Holmes, Director / Member / Secretary, Barry Cropper, Member.

OFFICERS

Judy Alderson, Ranger

1. Welcomes and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from D Greenwood, Maggie Muir, Annie Bracken, Elizabeth Cropper, Johanna Dobbs, Steph, Frank and Kath Mills, Cllr Ann Stott.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 October 2017 were agreed as a correct record, subject to amendment of who had approved the minutes – this should read; Jim Taylor and Rae Street.

Jim Taylor and Rae Street recommended the minutes from 12 October 2017 for approval.

There were no matters arising

4. Finance Update

£1730 balance in the bank

It was agreed that £110 would be allocated to redesigning, updating and hosting the website. It was noted that the updates would make the website mobile accessible.

Bank mandate – additional signatory

No member came forward to be added to the bank mandate to be a signatory on the account, this would be carried forward to a future meeting.

5. Trustee / Director appointments – the appointment of Vivienne and Johanna was agreed this would be actioned.

## 6. Ranger update

The Countryside update was circulated to members. Members noted forthcoming events, the work undertaken on conservation duties, ongoing projects and the what's new section of the report.

Of particular note was the new bike shed and the fire regulations which meant that the upper section of the Visitors Centre was now closed.

In addition to the report, it was noted that a tree study was being undertaken by Opal highlighting Horse chestnut, Oak and Ash. It was hoped that the Green Volunteers and Rochdale Field Naturalists would be involved.

## 7. Draft Partnership working agreement with RMBC

This was discussed by members, it was felt that a response along the following lines would be communicated.

The contents of the agreement were noted, the group would await confirmation of roles and responsibilities following the Link 4 Life involvement before the group sign any agreement. It was agreed that JTH would send an email to Ian Trickett confirming the group position.

## 8. Future Strategy of the Group

The proposed arrangements for Link 4 Life to run the Visitors Centre was discussed. It was noted that the current suggestion was for Link 4 Life to start this from 1 April 2018. It was agreed that contact would be made with Link 4 Life to start discussions around how the Group and Link 4 Life would work together in the future.

There was also some discussion around the RSPCA involvement at the Visitors Centre, this remained uncertain. The group felt that this would not be a positive development for a number of reasons and would seek to ensure that the group voice was heard by RMBC.

## 9. Ongoing Projects and Future plans

Sensory Garden – Littleborough U3A gardening group were keen to take on maintenance of the garden, Elizabeth Cropper would pass over details to the group to take forward.

Enviro-gym – Jim Taylor explained that a second quote was required before submission of the Pennine Township application for funding. Members were reminded that the proposed work was to lay rubberized matting to the entrance and

exit of the play area to improve the area for visitors and grassed areas replaced where necessary.

Littleborough Civic Trust – Signage Group – Rae Street had agreed to attend meetings as representative on behalf of the Group. A meeting would be held on the 22 January 2018 and an update would be provided to future meetings.

Events – Jim Taylor was supporting the following events;  
Annual Dawn Chorus – 1 May 2018  
Bat Walk – 19 May 2018

Wildlife Update – on the tail of Storm Eleanor, the following had been seen at the Lake, Black Tern, Golden Eye (male and female) red breasted Merganser, pink footed geese.

There was discussion around bird boxes, it was noted that the box where the pied flycatchers had nested had fallen down and should be replaced before nesting this year commenced. It was agreed that Jim would provide an update to the next meeting.

#### 10. Any other business

Barry Cropper explained that there was a planning meeting for the Aczo Nobel site following the sale of the Site to Communities and Housing. The meeting was scheduled for the 22 January 2018. Further information could be found on RMBC website.

There was a Pennine Township meeting planned for 31 January 2018 to consider Rakewood Road access and traffic measures which could be put in place.

#### 11. Date for next meeting

Thursday 19 April 2018  
Thursday 19 July 2018