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Dear Member

Friends of Hollingworth Lake

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meeting on the 18 July 2019 along with a draft agenda for the next meeting on the **17 October 2019**. Please note that the meeting will commence at 7.30pm (or as near to after the AGM) 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 17 October 2019

Yours sincerely

Jane Taylor-Holmes
Secretary

FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

Thursday 17 October 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 18 July 2019
5. Matters Arising from previous meeting
6. Correspondence
7. Meetings update; Management / HL Working Group
8. Finance Update
9. Link 4 Life / Ranger Update
10. Ongoing projects and updates
 - Enviro-gym – broken bridge – any plans for replacement?
 - Vileda – Pond & Meadow & Bird Hide refurbishment project
 - Other projects
 - Events
 - Sensory garden – maintenance and upkeep
 - Wildlife update
11. Date / Time of next meeting

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

Thursday 16 January 2020

Thursday 30 April 2020

Thursday 16 July 2020

AGM – Thursday 22 October 2020

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE
MEMBERS MEETING 18 July 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Ray Smith, (RS), member and Chair, Jim Taylor (JT), Director / member, Andrew Huyton, Member, Pat Carline, Member, Vivienne Ashworth, Director / Member, Kate Clegg, Member, M Sandens, Member, Martin Rodgers, Member, Sarah Berry, Member, Kath Clegg, Member, J Greenwood, Member, Barry Cropper, Member

Judy Alderson, RMBC Ranger Service

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed attendees and opened the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from, Nigel Eves, Treasurer, Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary, Adam Clayton, Cllr. Ann Stott (JP), Rae Street, Director & Member, Claire Costigan, Link4life.

3. Declarations of Interest

As previously declared, RS explained that he was also the Chair of Pennines in Bloom.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 April 2019 were agreed as a correct record; Kath Clegg & Jim Taylor (subject to the inclusion of Barry Cropper in the attendance list)

5. Matters arising

Ray Smith at the last Working Group meeting comments to UU that over the last 12 years had received £360,000 from RMBC, Ray Smith proposed that some of the money could be used to resurface the path around the lake from the Beach to the Pavilion which would allow greater access. UU were to respond at the next meeting on 3 September 2019.

There were no further matters arising.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

7. Meetings update – Hollingworth Lake Working Group –

No further meetings held, the next Hollingworth Lake Working Group meeting was due to be held on 3 September 2019, an update would be provided to the next meeting.

In relation to the sleepers, these had been purchased and we were awaiting a response from the Army Support Group.

All plants and planting of the new stone raised bed completed. Also, some plants had been stolen but replaced. Just evaluation form to complete.

Comments to UU at Working Group meeting; UU had responded with ‘no’ to the updating of the path from the Beach to the Pavilion, however this remained on the agenda for discussion at the next Working Group meeting.

8. Finance Update

£5,502.92 balance in the bank. After the Freudenberg funding, £1034.49 remained in the bank account.

Work continued to complete the Freudenberg project with money allocated to various items.

All work and expenditure relating to the raised stone bed had been completed.

9. Ranger update

Written information given to all members.

Link 4 Life update

CC provided a report, this is attached.

10. Ongoing projects and updates

- Littleborough Civic Trust – Signage Group – no information provided
- Enviro-gym – nothing to report.
- Vileda (Freudenberg project) – Pond & Meadow & Bird Hide refurbishment project – works 90% complete
- Wildlife update – Jim Taylor reported that it had been a good few months with all the usual summer birds arriving. Butterflies and dragonflies were doing well, the low water levels were attracting some not so usual wading birds to feed. Kingfishers had been showing well and there is a lot of

interest being shown in the wildlife around the Lake, possibly due to the Wild Littleborough Facebook page.

Jim explained that he had carried out a bat walk for the for Rochdale Field Naturalists and a dawn chorus with the Ranger Service. Both had been well attended and the weather had been kind. Jim explained that he would be carrying out a further bat walk with the Ranger Service on 10th September.

Andrew Huyton added to the report with his bird sightings from the area. Members thanked Andrew for all his working attracting new members.

11. Any other business

Andrew provided an update on Shaw Moss, further information would be provided to the next meeting.

12. Date for next meeting

Thursday 17 October 2019 – including AGM
Further dates to be confirmed



ITEM

SUBJECT	HLCP Friends of Update Report
REPORT AUTHOR	Claire Costigan
DATE	July 2019

Activity in the last period

Lake Bank Design feasibility, HLCP Manager has held a further meeting with the Architects, RBC and representatives from the Rowing Club. This was a very positive meeting, with the rowing club indicating what the areas of common ground are and the possibility of a shared space was discussed. This initial

meeting indicated that there might be a mutual way forward to encompass the whole footprint of Lake Bank.

Walk and Ride Festival HLCP are part of Pennine Prospects Walk and Ride Festival in September with a combination of activities being delivered by the Countryside Rangers, L4L Health Programme and Adventure and Water Activity Centre in an externally funded programme.

The Adventure and Water Activity Centre and combining with Nature Ed to offer a package of activities for Children and Young People through at the Country Park combining the quest for adventure with the insight into nature.

L4L have taken delivery of their new Mobile Obstacle Course and Team Building Bag of Character, this will be used to bring a taste of Adventure to the Country Park in anticipation of an aerial course in the future.

L4L have also just purchased a new multi-purpose vehicle to assist the removal of boats due to the current reduced water levels.

There have been a number of successful events held at the visitors centre notably the two woodland festivals and the regular craft events. The woodland festivals have proved extremely popular with visitors who enjoyed activities such as whistle making and the horse logger. Rangers sold wooden planks and roundels on the day from wood recovered in recent works in Ealees Woods.

Estate and Assets

The Visitor Centre and Pavilion café have been the victims of theft with a large number of York stone slabs being stolen. The repairs have been made to allow business continuity and L4L have submitted a bid to RBC for the funding required to make a permanent repair to these areas, this is to be heard at the next meeting.

The Freudenberg Project (£20,000) to refurbishment and improve the pond area at Ealees Wood has been completed with the improvements in the picnic area including a disabled picnic area and wildflower meadow. There will be an official opening in September with representatives of Freudenberg, RBC and L4L in attendance.

The current issue of the water levels and the nature reserve has been raised with United Utilities who are asking their Ecologist to visit and make an assessment. UU are to organise a stakeholder engagement event and communications. Although this was agreed at the last meeting with them on 13th June, a request was sent yesterday by the Director of Public Health requesting and update on timeline.