**Minutes – Riverside Naturally Trustee Meeting Date  18-07-22**

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| **No.** | **Minute** | **Action** |
| 1 | **Present** – Imogen Scott, Emily McLaughlin, Paul Dumbleton, Mary Graham, Parvin Morrissey.  A**pologies** - Gillian Armstrong, Drew Oliver.  A particular welcome was extended to Parvin. |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of previous meeting:**  The minutes of the meetings held on 16th May were agreed.  Emily reported on the visit from Councillor Rachel Nunn. |  |
| 3 | **Finance:**  Gillian had previously circulated a monthly report and accounts and these were welcomed.  Gillian acknowledged that she is yet to make arrangements to remove Eve as a bank account signatory.  Magic little grants application submitted as agreed.  A budget of approx £30 was agreed for craft materials for school activities. | Gillian |
| 4 | **Its Your Neighbourhood:**  The assessor will meet Mary and Emily on 30th August or 1st September. | Emily  Mary |
| 5 | **Orchard Day:**  Di is keen to be involved, and Emily will speak to here next week to confirm date and details, probably last Saturday in September. Kathryn and Robin may be approached to get involved, especially if young children are to be actively included. | Emily |
| 6 | **Alice’s Woodland Garden**  Hogweed may need attention. Other ‘weeds’ were removed last Thursday.  Sycamore re-growth needs removed. Rosebay willow herb will need to be removed or cut back later in the summer.  **Story Woodland Garden**  Mary is looking into further planting £200 already agreed.  Ferns for the stumpery - Paul will research .  **Orchard**  Continuing building of tree guards on needed, Imogen suggested that we record our progress and celebrate milestones. Emily will check progress so far.  **Meadow**  CSET has approved further purchase of plants. Agreed that late summer/early autumn best time to plant. Plants to be ordered.  It was agreed that it would be good if the mowing regime for the two small areas of grass each side of the footbridge was reduced to two cuts a year plus edging and paths. Paul will wrtite to the CC to seek support.  **Bee Bed**  Gillian has withdrawn from the bee-bed team. Parvin will join Mary in caring for the bee bed.  Mary has bought an irrigation system. Emily will seek support for installing.  Mary is in contact with the Council about the structure of the bed.  **School Beds**  ROSC is watering the beds over the summer.  **ARK**  Mary has contacted Scott about an agreement regarding the future protection of the ARK.  Three new countryside rangers are being appointed soon and one will have responsibility for Riverside as part of her remit.  **The Green, Forth Place**  The consultation has been completed and the plans are being slightly modified in the light of the comments. Recent meeting of the group was postponed, but actions are continuing including seeking funding and seeking Council commitment to maintenance.  **Composting**  Area to be checked at next end of month meeting. Meadow money to pay for path? Mary will bring cardboard for path. Council to cut grass.  **Bee Banks**  Mary and Drew will arrange a time to complete the bee bed.  **Bioblitz**  No firm plans at present.  **Community Engagement**  Emily gave a conducted walk for the Stirling School of English which went very well.  Three morning sessions are being held with ROSC over the summer holiday. Di and Parvin are supporting this. | Mary  Paul  Emily  Paul  paul |
| 9 | **AOB**  Signs are still waiting for the Gaelic. If no progress we will just go ahead next week.  Himalayan Balsam - when new Countryside Ranger visits we should discuss the proposal for flailing the river bank.  There has been an offer of outdoor tap opposite Story Garden. Kerry, 8 Riverside Drive. Emily will check details with Kerry and investigate buying a water carrier roller?  Inspiring volunteers award – it was decided not to pursue.  Festival of Biodiversity 16th – 18th September – Paul will write to offer the Orchard day as an associated event.  Hedgehogs - Emily will follow up. | Emily  Emily  Paul |

Next meeting - Monday 15th August.