**Minutes – Riverside Naturally Trustee Meeting Date –  21-02-22 Held via Zoom**

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| **No.** | **Minute** | **Action** |
| 1 | **Present** – Gillian Armstrong, Mary Graham, Emily McLaughlin, Paul Dumbleton, Imogen Scott, Drew Oliver.A**pologies** - Pat Morrissey |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of previous meeting:**The minutes of the meetings held on17th January were agreed. |  |
| 3 | **Finance:**Gillian had previously circulated a monthly report and accounts and these were welcomed. |  |
| 4 | **ARKEN offer of space**Emily will co-ordinate the deposits.  | Emily |
| 5 | **Woodland Garden - Alice**Imogen presented options for paths and at was agreed to go with one across from the path to Alice in the first instance. This will be marked out at the next maintenance session.It was also decided to move a honeysuckle plant to the base of the dead cherry tree and to train it up the tree. **Woodland Garden – South** Drew will cut the lower branches of the pines above the willow bower. Paul will continue to prune the lower growth from the holly.Emily will continue with the stumpery.Paul will identify and price some shrubs.**Orchard**The fence from the meadow will be used for an experimental tree guard at the next maintenance session. It was also agreed that Emily will draw a plan for mown paths to include one across the meadow area and liaise with the Council. **Meadow**Emily had circulated a paper and a plan and these were enthusiastically agreed. Emily will liaise with Dougie Wylie re mowing.Paul will look into plant purchase. **ARK**No action – Mary will continue to try to contact Scott mason. **Raised Bed** Mary will meet Gillian to plan work over the coming seasons for the raised bed**.** Some plants will be raised from seed that Mary has collected. **School Beds**Emily will liaise with the school and with Pat & Parvin before spring **Riverside Gateway**Awaiting contact from landscape architects before organising consultation event(s). **Composting**There is some tidying to do but this should wait until after the hibernation season. The clear pathway needs to be restored. The fencing materials could be used to create a leaf pile.  **Community Engagement**Plans discussed for Step Into Spring, Plant and Seed Swap event, Year of Stories and Bioblitz activity. Project plans will be prepared on the format suggested by Emily and previously circulated. Target March  | Imogen PaulDrewPaulEmilyPaul Emily +Emily EmilyPaul MaryMary and GillianEmily Mary & ImogenProject coordinators |
| 6 | **Ideas for items for e-bulletin and notice board for coming month.**Maintenance sessionStep Into SpringBirdwatchSave date for seed swap. Picture of the monthPollinator blog.  |  |
| 7 | AOBThere was no other business and the meeting ended promptly.  |  |
|  | **In 2022 meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm** |  |