**Minutes – Riverside Naturally Trustee Meeting**

**Date –  1st February 2021 Remotely by Zoom**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **No.** | **Minute** | **Action** |
| 1 | **Present** – Mary Buchanan, Danny Murphy, Eve Keepax, Pat Morrissey, Emily McLaughlin, Paul Dumbleton, Gillian Armstrong, Drew Oliver,  A**pologies** - None |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of previous meeting:**  The minutes of the meetings held on 11th January were agreed |  |
| 3 | **Finance:**  Gillian circulated a report on current finances which was welcomed.  HMRC registration is now completed and Gillian is about to start work on making arrangements for CAF Direct to refund tax. |  |
| 4 | **Tiny Forest**  Eve is awaiting David Hopper - she will chase  **Bulb Planting**  Almost complete.  **Second D**  Paul will check with D Leitch re date for clearance and inform of grant. He will also enquire about planting in Old Harbour.  Mary and Eve will liaise with Gillian to put in plant order.  **Woodland Garden**  Ashridge delivery of final trees expected soon.  Further discussion of sculpture - Danny to explore funders.  **ARK**  Mary continues to liaise with S Mason regarding a management plan.  **Raised Bed**  Funding application has been submitted by On the Verge, decision awaited.  **Orchard**  Di Alderdice has done a lot of pruning. Paul still has his shift to complete.  **Meadow**  Agreed to go ahead in May and for orders to be placed via Audrey at CSET. Pat will liaise with Di.  **Engine Shed Trees**  Paul has collected. Paul and Danny will plant adjacent to Riverside Quay and ARK. | Eve  Paul  Mary, Eve, Gillian  Danny  Mary  Paul  Pat  Danny & Paul |
| 5 | **Involving People**  RN has been invited to join in the Step Into Spring initiative in Riverside. This was welcomed as a good opportunity to make more community connections. Pat, Mary and Paul will liaise. Emily will make any changes needed to the website.  The same group will think about the issues of around the overlapping groups of members, volunteers, supporters and contacts and report back to the next meeting. | Mary, Pat, Paul & Emily. |
| 6. | **Land at the junction of Forth Street, Forth Place and Forth Crescent.**  Paul suggested that this area would benefit from attention and that a long term plan would be better than piecemeal approaches. This was agreed and Paul will contact the CC with a view to taking a joint approach to consultation, planning, design and funding. | Paul |
| 7. | **AOB**  Pat asked if it were possible to use a different Zoom account for future meetings. Paul will request access to CC account.  There was further discussion of potential links with the Primary School - focusing on maintenance of planters. | Paul |

Future meetings: March 1st at 7.30 pm