

Liquorice Park Millennium Green Trust

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 30th September, 2018, 10:30am

Museum of Lincolnshire Life

PRESENT Dudley Thomson (Chair), Nicola Watson (Trustee and Treasurer), Alison Griffiths (Trustee), Penny Toone (Trustee), and 14 members of the public. Apologies were received from Phil Cragg (Trustee) and Richard Bayles (Trustee).

D. Thomson welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that he had stood down as Chair but would chair this meeting because P. Cragg was unable to attend.

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted. Proposed LT seconded NW.

Matters Arising

Funding for new noticeboards is being discussed with Siemens and Lindum. The status of the allotment had been followed up. The current tenants want to keep the allotment but have rejected offers of help.

Chair's Report

Dudley Thomson reported on repairs to the steps and the contribution of volunteer groups to work in the Park.

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report

Alison Griffiths read the report on the work of volunteers and circulated copies. Those present at the meeting expressed their sadness at the death of Richard Ellis.

Treasurer's Report

Nicola Watson circulated copies of the Treasurer's Report (attached).

Questions to Trustees from the public

- Is there any bank interest? NW – there was no interest on the account, but neither were there any charges.
- Why is such a substantial sum being held in the account? NW – It is to enable regular payments, such as insurance, and to allow for unexpected expenses such as repairs to the steps and viewing platform.
- Who decides on the use of the money? NW – It is the responsibility of the trustees.
- Are there targeted projects for fundraising? NW – Money had been raised for the new railings. Similar action may be needed for the viewing platform and performance area.
- Is there a scheme for direct debit donations? NW – a hundred club had been tried in the past. A donation button on the Facebook page could be investigated. **Action PC.**
- Can the public put forward ideas for projects? Trustees – the trustees are open to suggestions from the public and had recently conducted a public consultation. The

Park has a management plan and additional projects would be considered by the trustees.

Election of officers

Phil Cragg has been elected as Chair by the Trustees. A vote of thanks was offered to Dudley Thomson for his work as Chair and for his ongoing contribution to the Park since its foundation.

Nicola Watson was re-elected as Treasurer.

Alison Griffiths continues as Volunteer Contact.

Richard Bayles has been approved as a new Trustee.

Any Other Business

AG reported on the visit of a botanist as part of the Love Plants Project.

A survey of insects was suggested and it was agreed that children should be encouraged to use the Park for nature projects.

Thanks were given to all those who had helped organise and run the Open Day.

It was suggested that the Park can provide valuable opportunities for manual work.

It was agreed that the meadows should be given a second cut and the raking up will be done on the weekend of October 13/14th. **Action AG.**

It was agreed that T. Speck should be asked to order more woodchip for the paths.

In consideration of the offer of a £500 donation towards the renewal of the viewing platform, the Trustees will decide on the location of a memorial plaque and liaise with the donor. **Action – Trustees.**

Thanks for her contribution to the Park were offered to Jade Clarke, who is moving away from the area.

The meeting closed at 11.10 a.m.

The next AGM will be in September 2019. Time and venue to be arranged.