**Minutes – Riverside Naturally Trustee Meeting**

**Date –  03 August 2021 Remotely by Zoom**

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| **No.** | **Minute** | **Action** |
| 1 | **Present** – Eve Keepax, Pat Morrissey, Emily McLaughlin, Gillian Armstrong  A**pologies** - Paul Dumbleton Drew Oliver, Mary Buchanan, Danny Murphy |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of previous meeting:**  The minutes of the meetings held on 5th July were agreed |  |
| 3 | **Matters Arising :**  Emily and Gillian reported back on the CAF "thank you" process for donations- it's working fine.  Volunteer policy updated and in Dropbox. It was suggested that volunteers are invited to the Trustee Meeting in September. |  |
| 4 | **Finance:**  Gillian circulated a report on current finances which was welcomed.  We have We have £2222.77 in the bank and £106.41 in the cash box, giving us a total of £2329.18 |  |
| 5 | **Froglife:**  Pat has contacted Rosie and invited Froglife to have a pop-up at the orchard day in September. He'll contact her to confirm. | Pat |
| 6 | **It's Your Neighbourhood :**  Successful and positive meeting with Colin Ainsworth from IYN. The highlight was when it was confirmed that we have the best community lead orchard in Scotland. We look forward to having a positive feedback rating. |  |
| 7 | **Alive with Nature and Tree & Woodland Policy:**  A number of points were discussed. Eve and Emily will feedback to Paul regarding RN's response and it would be good if other trustees could do so 16th Aug closing date. | Eve  Emily  Paul |
| 8 | **Woodland Gardens:**  Emily will profile the stumpery idea and feedback to the group.  Maintenance Plans are ongoing.  Consider ways to improve planting in the South D.  Chainsaw art is still being investigated. | Emily  Eve |
| 9 | **Orchard:**  The orchard maintenance day in August was lead by Di and we pruned a few of the trees and repaired tree guards.  Another pruning session is planned.  It was agreed to Di to price up more permanent guards and mulch mats.  Emily offered to donate a rhubarb plant - check with Di.  Pat to contact Transitions regarding shredder for prunings. | All  Pat |
| 10 | **Meadow:**  Work is ongoing. |  |
| 11 | **Gateway Project:**  Funding application submitted to the Mushroom Trust by Riverside CC. Waiting for outcome - probably in Autumn. |  |
| 12 | **Orchard Day Planning:**  25th September. Emily will lead on a group to plan events and activities. Pat will support. | Emily Pat |
| 13 | **AOB**  **School Planters**  Design for planting scheme for the Sensory and Pollinator beds completed and in Dropbox. Pat will share with PS staff and arrange for another meeting. Edible flower and soup bed plans ongoing.  All of the planters need refreshing.  **ROSC** - the PS out of school club have contacted us looking to do some partnership working. Pat has responded and we hope to meet in the future.  **Jubilee Hedge**  Planned for pontoon area. Council wants laurel or beech. Paul and Emily will respond. | Pat  Eve  Pat  Paul Emily |
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Future meetings: September 6th venue tbc