**Minutes – Riverside Naturally Trustee Meeting**

**Date –  6th September 2021 24 Forth Crescent, FK81LG.**

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| **No.** | **Minute** | **Action** |
| 1 | **Present** – Eve Keepax, Emily McLaughlin, Gillian Armstrong Paul Dumbleton, Mary Buchanan, Danny Murphy  A**pologies** - Drew Oliver, Pat Morrissey  **In attendance** – Imogen Scott |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of previous meeting:**  The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd August were agreed. |  |
| 3 | **Matters Arising :**  Emily and Pat have had a successful meeting at the school and plans are in place for planting the beds in the spring. There is a little work to do before the winter covering the beds.  The Outstanding rating by *Its Your Neighbourhood* was modestly noted. Publicity will follow when the certificate is awarded.  Queen’s Green Canopy - Emily reported on a discouraging email from the Council regarding a hedge at the Old Harbour. It was agreed that Paul would contact Land Services to see if RN could plant opne along the road side of the orchard. | Emily & Pat  Paul |
| 4 | **Finance:**  Gillian circulated a report on current finances which was welcomed.  Emily will ask Di to prepare a rough expected budget for the orchard over the next year. | Emily |
| 5 | **Orchard Day planning:**  Emily had previously circulated a draft plan for the day which was welcomed and adopted. Eve suggested adding some planting at the south woodland garden and this was agreed. Eve will pan this.  Mary offered to do stories for children and possibly adults.  Imogen suggested something for dog owners and it was agreed to make a water station available. Imagen also offered to be available for any tasks on the day and to help with preparation.  Paul will make arrangements for the tent to be erected on the morning.  Emily will prepare publicity and pass to Paul for MailChimp and for WhatsApp.  Expenditure by Emily on materials etc for the day was approved. | Eve  Mary  Emily  Imogen  Paul  Emily & Paul |
| 6 | **Stumpery:**  Emily has circulated a a plan for a stumpery which was welcomed and it was agreed to install one in the south woodland garden.  Chunky logs or stumps need to be sourced. Mary will check with Scott if any are available and Paul will check with Land Services. | Mary & Paul |
| 7 | **Woodland Gardens:**  It was agreed that work should resume on the south garden and Pat will be asked to organise volunteer evenings. | Paul to contact Pat. |
| 9 | **Orchard:**  The compost area needs a tidy up and an additional bay added. |  |
| 10 | **Meadow:**  Work is ongoing. |  |
| 11 | **Gateway Project:**  Eve and Fiona Berrow, from the CC, met trustees of the Mushroom Trust and a decision on the grant application is expected before the end of September. |  |
| 12 | **Ark:**  Mary has been in touch with Scott who has located the mislaid kilo of wildflower seed. This will be planted in spring 2022 and he may call on RN to support the planting. |  |
| 13 | **AOB**  Mary has £13.50 in cash returned by Naturescape and will use it to order suitable plants for the south woodland garden. | Mary |
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Future meetings: First Monday of each month at 7.30pm – next meeting October 4th venue tbc