

Golcar Lily Environment Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2016

Present:- Betty, Sue, Nor, Marion Stevens, Stephanie, Susan, Matt

Apologies:- Apologies were received from Maureen Davies, Hilary Lyndsey

Minutes and matters arising: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be a true record.

MS had checked the parameters within which an unincorporated group can work, i.e.

- the group comes together for a particular purpose
- the constitution sets out the rules
- the group elects a management committee
- the group does not have limited liability, therefore individuals involved will be personally responsible for the debts of the organisation.

As the group had no liabilities it was felt that this was the most appropriate step to take and had been used to register us with Natural Kirklees, however, should we apply for substantial grants in the future we may need to revisit this area and become a company Ltd by Guarantee.

Andy Wickham had previously advised us to sign up to Outlook in order to be notified of any grants, however as no-one was sure what this was Matt agree to follow up with Andy.

Insurance through Natural Kirklees was still to be sorted out. Sue advised that the bank had asked if we need insurance when the group was registered there. It was agreed to await the details from Natural Kirklees to see if this met our needs.

Maureen had spoken to Paddy at Colne Valley Garden Centre re Christmas trees. He was considering purchasing some for the centre in pots and had agreed to provide the village with one which he would bring and take away each year should the Local Authority fail to provide one.

Susan had also spoken to someone at Penistone show who had advised that tree of 6 to 8 foot could be purchased for between £40 and £60. It was agreed that a bare root tree planted in a permanent position would be impracticable due to the final height it would reach.

Treasurer's report

The bank account is now open. £200 is to be deposited by the end of the week. (£150 from Buy and Buy shop grant and £50 the wine evening) Sue has also held onto £50 in cash.

Thanks go to Ann Norton who has set up a spreadsheet for Sue.

Dog poo bins

Susan has been invited to a meeting to put our case forward for 2 bins. The meeting is on 29th September.

Action point:- MS to ask the Headteacher at Manor Road for a letter to support the use of bins and if it is possible for children to design a poster to be laminated encouraging people to use the bins.

New Project

Matt said there were people living local to the garden area opposite the museum who were keen to be involved in a project on this piece of land.

Action point:- Matt to e-mail Andy to find out exactly what we need to do to get permissions. At the same time he will remind him of the help offered to put together the ginnel pack.

Nor offered the use of her cellar for storage of tools should we get some specifically for use by the group.

Golcar Lily website

We now have a specific area on the site for the environment group. Items for inclusion should just be sent to Mark.

Hanging baskets and bulb planting

It was agreed that next spring we would write to the shops to ask for contributions towards hanging baskets in the village centre.

Betty will speak to Carol Shaw about bulbs for the car park area and outside the café. It was agreed that a border of perennial planting would be attractive outside the café.

MS mentioned a village she had been to in Italy, very similar to Golcar with a similar event to the Golcar Lily day. The village had held a flower arranging contest and the arrangements were displayed all around the village on doorsteps etc. This may be something Golcar could consider as a challenge for future Golcar Lily day.

Any other business

Stephanie came up with an idea to make money from our stall at the next selling event to be held on 15th October at St John's church. She suggested selling Xmas wreath packs which can be bought from Amazon. We could include a leaflet on how to make a wreath. It was also suggested that we could run a wreath making workshop on the day.

Action point:- Stephanie to look into costs. Sue to talk to the church to ensure we aren't duplicating what they might be doing.

It was also suggested that villagers are encouraged to celebrate of other seasons through 2017, e.g. pumpkin making to hang in windows.

A reminder of the next ginnel clearing day will be put on Facebook by Matt.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 3rd October at 7.30 at Matt's house. Single agenda item will be to discuss the stall.