

## FOCRLNR Meeting Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Kristan Johnstone (KJ), Denis Stuckey (DS), Angela Stuckey (AS), Doug Bradshaw (DB), Pete Stone (PS), Mavis Stone (MS), Andy Field (AF), Babs Field (BF), Mabel Hahner

**Apologies:** Philip Earis, Jo Lewis, Ruth Galpine

Welcome to Mabel for her first meeting!

<p>1. Minutes &amp; Actions from last meeting</p> <p>KJ ran through the minutes and actions from the last meeting.</p>	KJ
<p>2. Owl vandalism</p> <p>On June 6<sup>th</sup> the owl was ripped from its reinforced base and thrown in to the pond, breaking part of the pond fence in the process.</p> <p>The owl was retrieved and is now safe, waiting to be reinstated with a further reinforced base. We are waiting to agree a date for this to be done with the sculptor.</p> <p>This was reported to the police and in response to a strong public outcry (mainly via the Facebook page) Ruth started a fundraiser to cover the costs of the reinstallation (£300), and we have since hit that target so the costs will be covered.</p>	KJ
<p>3. Tesco Bags for Help</p> <p>With £300 left over from the £1000 allocation in January we have contacted Tescos to confirm the remaining funds can be used for maintenance and future projects at the Reserve, including ongoing maintenance of the owl sculpture (<b>in addition</b> to costs to repair it from the vandalism). They have confirmed that the funding is ours to use at our disposal, which is great news.</p>	KJ
<p>4. Bristol Parks Forum updates</p> <p>KJ attended meeting in May. A lot of positive developments being discussed, although most of it still in the making with few actionable opportunities at the moment.</p> <p>All were pleasantly surprised with the allocation of green spaces in the recent Bristol City Local Plan. However, we are encouraged not to take that for granted and to voice our support of the allocations to our local councillors. That has since been done, but the more the merrier!</p>	KJ
<p>5. Events &amp; Reserve Maintenance</p> <p>The Spring Litter Pick took place in March (23<sup>rd</sup>) with a reasonable turn-out as we raced against the weather. We managed to clear out the two 'camps'</p>	Group

<p>located in the woods of the upper slopes. One was used by teenagers as a 'den' and the other was an abandoned camp (tent, mattresses etc) which hadn't been occupied since Christmas. Along with numerous bags of other litter it was a successful clean-up.</p> <p>Kids have dug a small BMX path/jumps in part of the woods on the upper slopes, including the removal of some saplings. KJ will go down and smooth it over to discourage any further use of it.</p> <p>The Summer Nature Fun Day is date TBC. Awaiting group to respond via email on availability (but it will not be August 2<sup>nd</sup>).</p>	
<p>6. Interesting sightings on the Reserve</p> <p>Nothing too unusual! Some fox cubs, squirrels and a variety of common bird species including swifts and jackdaws.</p> <p>No sign of deer now for some time, and some concerns over loud noises similar to gunshots being heard on occasion. Since the meeting the sounds have been heard a few times, believed to be fireworks or 'blanks' shot by passing cars on Callington Road.</p>	Group
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>Section 106 money: DS emailed his contact at the council regarding money put aside to buy plugs 2 years ago, however with no success. So, along with confirmation from Becky Belfin (to KJ) that those funds had been put to other use as part of the Wild City project, we are now confident there is no Section 106 funds left.</p> <p>KJ and RG picked up a few boxes of CRLNR flyers that were being stored with the council so we now have those at our disposal.</p> <p>Mabel has kindly volunteered to look at updating the website etc so she and Ruth have been in touch to coordinate. Thanks Mabel!</p>	Group
<p>8. Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2019, 6.30pm – 8pm, Tesco's Brislington</p>	Group