



Minutes of the Board Meeting

Tuesday March 3rd.2025 The Ostrich start time: 19:30

Apologies: David, Andrea

Present: ML MP DP JM FL AL BB NS

2) Minutes of the last meeting - Agreed

3) Matters arising

- Moorland Gold compost arrived. Agreed 1 bag to members for £5.
- Seeds and envelopes purchased
- Beechwood donation agreed
- Herb classes continue to pay rent and subsidise
- Cooperatives movement joined

4) Finance Report

- £3k left from committed money from last year. 4k income from this year
- Discussion re remaining spending
- Agreed donation of £500 to crowd funding
- St Mary's situation to be reviewed in July, Meanwhile approved expenditure on a leaflet
- NB: the noticeboard needs removing
- Approved donation £100 to Shine a light

5) Reports

- RTG Andrew reported on a downbeat meeting with LA, who seem to be putting up barriers particularly planning 20 possible sites identified. Andrew looking at AI opportunities.
- Mark reported on IE CIC workshop. 2 main priorities, strengthening local groups and national
- Mark suggested a get together for local groups
- AA Improvement work completed. Jewish Action for Mental Health (JAMH) group starts tomorrow. Have a horticultural therapist doing research on benefits of taking part in outside gardening activities. will be 5 courses offered. Now have adjoining plot. New greenhouse needs 3 frames.
- Might need help dismantling old greenhouse and tidying up. Mark to look into possibility of corporate group involvement. Partnership document with JAMH approved.
- The Curve Café - Barbara will be attending first meeting on Thursday.
- Mark and Barbara attended Bury VCFA meeting at Creative Living Centre.
- Asda bid unsuccessful
- Need to review Safeguarding documents Mark to ask Kate
- Also risk assessment documents, Safety Guidelines and Have Volunteer registration forms. Mark to circulate.

6) Events

- Decided not to go ahead with Spring event on March 16th due to lack of planning time.
- Saturday April 12th “Open Saturday” at Philips Park.
- Sunday May18th Prestwich Clough Day
- Saturday June7th Local IEPAD group get together 1pm Philips Park.
- Saturday August 16th Teddy Bears’s picnic Philips Park

7) AOB,

- At AGM Fiona Ken and Andrea will stand down
- Nick B and a representative from Radcliffe, Christine B, will join
- Set up sub committee for events.
- Wassail date Sunday January 11th 2026
- Andrea P asked if we could provide some herb cuttings for a sensory garden. Agreed

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