

Friends of Finchley Way Open Space



Minutes of Trustees quarterly meeting 16 April 2024

Present: Richard Bartholomew, Simon Duke, Arlette Garcia, Karen Goodman (Treasurer), Suzanne King (Chair), Samuel Levy, Hilda de Souza.

Apologies: Nick Dimant, Ross Houston, Danny Rich.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted.

2. Financial report

Karen summarised the 2024 financial position up to April 2024. There was currently £4,368.34 in the bank. £187 had been spent to date.

It was agreed that a list of planned expenditure should be drawn up to indicate how FOFWOS planned to deploy its budget for the next year. **ACTION: KG.**

3. Future Projects

3.1 Willow tree area

The Planting Committee will meet to discuss future planting in the Willow Tree area. Arlette will prepare a presentation of ideas for that meeting with lists of possible plants. **ACTION AG**

Potential dates for the meeting will be circulated to the members of the committee to agree a date. **ACTION SK**

The aim should be to have a worked-up proposal in time for the next Area Committee meeting. The date for submitting an application for funds to this committee is 31 May.

3.2 Tree and plant information board(s)

It was proposed to have an additional information board similar to the current two at the entrance to the Copse from the Field. This would help people to identify specific trees and plants. There was some discussion about how to provide pictures. Taking photos is feasible to avoid any copyright problems but would be difficult. These could be presented to the same company that provided the current boards for them to do the artwork. They could also be asked to source relevant pictures. It was decided to ask one of the volunteers who works as an artist whether they would be able to provide artwork as a first step.

ACTION SK/RB

The costs of the board and its preparation would be included in the bid to the Area Committee.

3.3 Wood-chipping

It was agreed to seek a further delivery of wood chips to finish covering all the remaining paths.

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4. Pump

It was agreed that Karen should buy a new plastic water pump in time for summer watering. £250 was allocated for this in the 2024 budget. **ACTION KG**

The old pump should be retained for the time being.

5. Dates of next Board meetings

16 July (provisional). This replaces the planned 9 July meeting.

8 October (online).

6. AOB

Nick Dimant was re-elected as a trustee for a second three year term, starting from the 13 July when his current term ends. This was brought forward from the July 2024 meeting as Nick was not present at this meeting.