Committee Meeting – 12/03/2018

Minutes

**Present:** - Hugh Kelly(Chair)**;**  Sue Welch; Judy Smith; Ann McDonald; Kath McCartney; Heather Crawford; Margaret Laraway; Caroline James

**Apologies for Absence –** Barbara Williams; Julie Gavin; Margot Skelton; Helen Haran; Ruth Barker; Margaret Edwards.

**Minutes of meeting 12/02/2018 –** agreed

**Matters Arising –** No Daffodil Fair at Greenside Community Centre this year.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Caroline states that VAT recovery only applies to goods purchased and therefore cannot be claimed against the Feasibility Study.
* The final invoice from the firm is required by the end of March for the Grant Monitoring Report.
* We have not yet received the bill for the Christmas lights.

**Millennium Green Trust**

* Ruth has been ill so no report

**Spring Clean On The Green**

* 14th April 10.30 – 12.00
* Has been advertised in Tyne Valley Express. Kath to ask local primary school to put it in their newsletter.
* It has not yet been fixed where the hot dogs will be served (Pack Horse or Community Centre)
* Ruth to organise

**Charitable Status** – Caroline to ask Julie to send e-mail to Trustees with suggested date of 19th April.

**Land of Oak and Iron**

* Heather has contacted Sir Hugh Blackett regarding a donation to the project and is awaiting a decision from Matfen Hall Finance Board.
* Hugh to ask for extra time for the project award of £2,000.
* Our history project has started – John Carrick and Hugh have prepared a brief resume of Greenside Dilly Line, Sled Lane and Coalway Lonnen; Ann has researched the Park; Judy and Sue have started interviewing long-time residents of Bank Top (Crawcrook); Heather has started on Crawcrook Dilly Line.
* These brief histories could be made into leaflets for local interest available at Bradley Hall Gardens, Daniel Farm Tea Rooms, The Ark etc.
* Also to be produced on Facebook; similar to the Ryton Heritage pages
* Those doing research will meet at Lamb’s Arms on Thursday, 29th March at 7.00pm
* Hugh to ask Stephen Pardew about costings for various options.
* The project needs to be sited by June 1st to meet our extended deadline.

**Crawcrook Park Feasibility Study**

* Some considerable concern over the completion of the study and the final report, given that £9,000 has been spent so far.
* Hugh to ask for a presentation no later than week beginning April 16th
* An outline of work completed was presented at the meeting and an explanation of the delay involved the length of time SUEZ took to respond to the Council’s application for funding the new children’s play area.

**Easter Egg Hunt - Crawcrook Park**

* Date – Saturday, March 31st, 10.30 – 12.00
* Caroline has advertised this in the Tyne Valley Express
* Helpers need to be at the Pavilion from 8.30am for a 10.30am start.
* Caroline to order a banner for front of Park
* Kath to alert local schools
* Tamahra to involve local businesses for donations
* Julie to bring her bunting
* Judy to prepare tokens
* Families to register and receive 3 cloakroom tickets per child (to be exchanged for 3 eggs when tokens are found).

**Ballroom Dancing Event**

* No progress

**Crawcrook Fair**

* Irish Dancers are booked
* Heavy items need professional help – Lawson’s Removals to be booked
* Heather will be requesting prizes and extra sponsorship

**Marketing Strategy and Newsletter**

* Caroline has passed information to Sean B to produce a newsletter.
* Funding for printing this has been covered by £500 grant from the local councillor’s fund.

**Gardening**

* Sue and Judy joined the Brighten Ryton group for a talk by Halls of Heddon. Afterwards they received a tray of 15 primroses from Aiden Lawson. Another member, Peter Rogers, is to find practical support for fixing our new barrier baskets.
* Greenside residents plan to involve school children and a mosaic artist to commemorate mining history on the raised bed at Cameron Park. A sum of money has already been raised for this.

**AOB**

* Alan Morton will meet us to discuss new Christmas Lights - date to be confirmed

**Next meeting**

**Monday 9th April 2018, 7.00pm in Crawcrook Social Club (upstairs room)**