

### **Minutes: Saturday 13 April 2019**

1. **Attendees:** Dave Mikkelson, Sylvia Mikkelson, Betty Eelsden, Beryl Brand, Pat Smith, Helen Johnson, Brian Smith, Janet Hillier, Jackie Burton, Mike Waines, Annemarie Gäbler, Jody Muelaner, Anne Kenyon
2. **Apologies:** Susan Isherwood, Peter Sellek
3. **Minutes of previous meeting 09/03/2019** were approved
4. **Matters arising not on the Agenda**
  - a. **Gardening Sessions** - Following last months decision to run regular sessions throughout the summer, HJ proposed dates for a daytime sessions for pensioners, unemployed and pre-school parents. It was decided to make sessions two weekly initially with option to increase or decrease frequency. Separately scheduled after school sessions with help of Louise D will be term time only and weekly. HJ asked for people to volunteer to help with the sessions. Betty had concerns on what they will do when the garden does not needing much work but there are tasks such as maintenance that can fill in. HJ to seek advice from others on the activities/tasks planned. It was felt that we would not need to seek funding to pay session leaders as we have capacity to manage ourselves. HJ will be the main lead. Entry in May Filton Voice. Please feedback to HJ your availability and comments on tasks asap by email. See attached.
  - b. **Gardeners Question Time** - call out from the Filton Health and Wellbeing committee (out of The Community Plan) for gardeners who would like to make up a GQT panel in week running up to Filton Festival. Feedback to HJ to pass on.
  - c. **Vertical Beds** - HJ sourced bespoke workshop for group but decided instead that maybe one or two would go to a public workshop. DM has pallets that can be made into structures. HJ said this could be a project for the garden sessions.
5. **Northville Community Garden NCG.**

Jody gave overview of history of the land behind the Bulldog, how it had become a disused, trouble area and informal carpark. His group mostly of neighbours backing on to the land tried a few years ago to make a nature park but at the time FTC were concerned about access and did not support. Recently FTC has recognised it as a project. The area has been planted with trees, a grass area and willow goalposts. The NCG group is currently around 10 plus others interested and is setting up the admin,

insurance, working with volunteers and seeking funding etc which FCG will be able to advise on. DM to send info to JM. HJ suggested they might like to share garden sessions being planned in FCG between two community gardens in the future and will discuss this further with JM. JM offered to show FCG members around their garden at a future date to be arranged.

#### **6. Tennis Court Path**

We have received funding from Landfill Trust and paperwork has been finalised with FTC, now with the Landfill Trust for revision pending signing. The contractor is ready to start work in May or June.

#### **7. Mural Brainstorming – What do we want included in the mural?**

SGS college are happy to do mural on wall from End Sept/start Oct. FCG to supply paint and prepare walls. The walls in question are the new wall plus tennis court car park wall up to the gate. The mural will include 'Filton Community Garden'. Other items on the wall brainstormed: Trees, Birds, Squirrels, people gardening, flowers, bees, ladybirds, pond, insects, fairies, owl, Concorde, marquee, people including across the demographic of age, race, abilities. DM will pass this on to SGS and we await the design.

#### **8. Hubs**

Three of the raised beds need refreshing. For next spring bulbs to be planted to bring back the spring colour. Anne marie and Susan have been working on their bed and will buy a new big plant. Anne is also going to buy new plants at a garden centre. Peter has offered to help in areas difficult to reach for weeding etc as needed. Helen will get some more larger grasses for the grasses bed and thin down the heleniums as they have become too dominant and take away its individuality.

#### **9. SGS College Fete – Thursday 9 May.**

Have asked if they can do this and we agree is fine.

#### **10. New Volunteer**

Patrick who lives locally will weed the long border and any other jobs such as dead heading the daffodils. He has his own tools and is happy to just get on unguided.

#### **11. Summer Fete**

- a. Punch and Judy - Asda have agreed to pay the £120 fee. We also in their green token scheme in competition with GW Ambulance Service and Network Counselling. Top award is £500 with £200 going to each of the runners up.
- b. Cakes - Asda will provide ingredients needed to make the cakes. Annemarie to tell DM what needed and he will liaise
- c. Marquee - PS to ask Eden Grove for use of theirs.

d. Poster needed to include Air Ambulance this year.

## **12. Work to do in the Garden**

Pond there are (is one) tadpoles but may need more. HJ knows someone who has lots and offered to bring up.

Bat box Darryl has made up and ready to put up. But not sure what is happening about the bat survey. DC to find out.

Thanks given from people met in the garden

## **13. A.O.B**

DM passed on thanks from people met in the garden who are very appreciative for the work put in.

HJ will put the latest Grass Roots RHS magazine in the box which has interesting articles on building/maintaining pond, green roofs, water conservation and garden based lessons for children.

DC - has three people knitting poppies for the remembrance fence so we can refresh/enlarge it this year.

JB - still has the ex-womery stand on offer to the garden.

**14. Date of Next Meeting            11 May 2019**