



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 JULY 2026

Present: Peter McCluskie (Chair), Stewart Roiter (Treasurer), Lynda Cook, Maureen Dor, Colin Gregory, Adrian Hodgson, Shelley-Anne Salisbury, Judy Smith and Bernadette Rae (Membership Secretary)

Apologies and absences: Francine Barsam, Asher Budwig, Jonathan Waxman

1. **Finances grants, sponsorships and donations** Summer Fair - RA finances broke even and wider community organisations had made approximately £5000. Two grants/donations to consider:
 - *GRANT.* Friends of Big Wood £2500: provisional approval had been given and was confirmed on receipt of further information. **ACTION: Peter** – to notify FoBW.
 - *DONATION.* Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Agreed to donate £1500 between 1 September and 12 October (which will be doubled by a sponsor). **ACTION: Peter** – to notify Hospice.
2. **Publications** SN166 well received. Deadline for SN167 is 1 August.
3. **Trees & Open Spaces** Potentially two new volunteers. **ACTION: Colin** – to follow up and report back to Chair.
4. **Membership and Outreach** Membership is increasing and is currently higher than this time last year. Next membership renewal reminders due in September. Approximately 3500 flyers had been hand-delivered to non-member households.
5. **Events and Safeguarding** Next event Halloween, 29 October. Safeguarding policy has been sent round. Now members of National Council of Volunteer Organisations. Complaints procedure – not in place. External one is out of date, no internal one. NCVO has a complaints procedure we can adopt and as members we are expected to. **ACTION: Adrian** - to recirculate details of safeguarding and complaints. To be agreed by Council at next meeting and uploaded in due course onto the RA website.
6. **RA representation on outside bodies** Luz Rodriguez (T&OS) has agreed to be our representative on the Kenwood Landscape Forum. Colin Gregory had been nominated for Fellowship and this had been accepted. HGS Trust had requested an alternative nomination for the Trust Estate Committee; Maureen Dor volunteered on a trial basis. **ACTION: Colin** – to write to Kenwood. **ACTION: Peter** – to write to the Trust.
7. **Other** Henrietta Barnett Community Orchard sign has been removed so no record it is an RA planted and funded orchard. Options to be considered at next meeting.
8. Next scheduled meeting – Thursday 15 October.