**FRIENDS OF TAWD VALLEY GROUP MEETING - NOTES OF 7th MARCH 2019**

**APOLOGIES:** A. Orchard, T. Lake, P.Meadows, Y. Gagen

**PRESENT:** R. Cooper, C. Cooper, D. Brookes, E. Brookes, J. Gavan, L. Bason, D. Evans, R. Newby, C. Jones, J. Davies, H. Davies, C. Bankier, C. Dixon, P. Campbell, Z. Hilton

**NOTES:**

1. RC opened the meeting explaining that the current Chair of the Group- Yvonne Gagen- was otherwise engaged and that he would be acting as Chair for tonights meeting.

RC further explained that until the Group’s next AGM in May there would be an interim Group Secretary in place and that post would be shared between D&E Brookes.

**The Group was agreeable** to that arrangement.

1. Matters arising from previous notes
2. Bank Account- so far the Group does not have a bank account which hinders any approaches to funding pools as there is a general requirement that groups applying must have an account. CD reported that he had contacted 3 banks about “community accounts” and there were issues around signatories and bank charges. A meeting with Barclays Bank has been arranged for March 28th. JG said that she would seek information from Co-op Bank. Nat west and TSB will also be contacted. CD and RC agreed to visit the Credit Union at Evermoor Hub, Digmoor the following morning to see what they could offer. PC advised that some funding could be available from WLBC but Group would need to name a project the money would be used for. PC also provided information on variety of funding streams. **It was agreed** the a sub group be established to look at funding options.
3. Communications- ZH said that she was willing to look at possibilities of setting up a FOTV website and Facebook site. This would enable regular updates to be shared with the community and future events to be advertised in the hope that more local people will become involved with the FOTV to develop things such as a Heritage Trail/Nature Trail/Junior Friends Group/Heritage Centre. Discussion in Group about designing posters, leaflets, badges, business cards to advertise the Tawd Valley.Also for FOTV to have a presence at the Green Fayre in July and the Skem Fest on the May Bank Holiday weekend
4. Recent Activities- DB reported that volunteers had created some new footpaths, cleared gulleys and drains and cut down trees. There had also been significant litter picking
5. Future Activities/Action Plan- some items mentioned in notes above.
6. a) Other suggestions included contacting someone from the local heritage group for advice on how FOTV could work with them and maybe ask a representative of the heritage group to attend a future meeting of FOTV to discuss joint working on some projects.
7. **The Group agreed** that a Mission Statement be drawn up which could be included on website/facebook.
8. **The Group agreed** that ideas for projects be considered at next meeting by which time hopefully a bank account will have been set up.
9. **The Group agreed** the Ranger Service be contacted to request that the next Team Tawd Day (6 April) could be part of the “Great British Clean Up” week and that members of FOTV would take part.
10. Date of next meeting- Thursday 4th April. Location and time to be confirmed

There being no further matters to discuss everyone was thanked for their attendance and helpful contributions.