

## **Environment Group**

### **Minutes 25.9.17**

Present: C Hargest, J Swan

Apologies: J Statham,

1. Welcome
2. Minutes approved (6.2.17)

Actions update:

- a. Travel Plan update meeting TBA by October (JS)
  - b. Pond garden – weeded and litter picked 25.9.17 (CH)
  - c. Cobbles - new S1 intake to place them in river (JS)
  - d. Bird boxes cleaned out 25.9.17 (two nests built and 3 more showed some activity) (CH)
3. Firrhill News discussed with Communications Group re staff articles (CH)

4. PC funding requests

#### **now purchased:**

100 Hyacinth bulbs £41.04

3 bags of bulb fibre £11.97

2 tons pea gravel £71.54

#### **Funds are available to spend on:**

Planters £500 was granted but now overall only £489 remain (PC applied for a community grant for four small and one large and if grant given PC will fund £250 plants and £30 mulch)

Communication group - notice boards £140 (this item was on hold as foyer is being refurbished by school)

5. Meadow needs cutting may need to consider replanting as a perennial meadow.
6. VAO glasses/sunglasses collection in March. Waverley Care, Milestone now collecting glasses.
7. Perimeter planting planned to increase nectar for bees - approved by JS but may not go ahead.
8. "Concert for bees" could be arranged at Craiglockhart Parish Church with Sherlock violin or Conan Doyle Quartet, with St Marys musicians.
9. Litter:
  - to contact council and ask for more/ bigger bins with support from Jason Rust (CH)
  - ask parents to notify council about litter or graffiti.
  - Litter poster competition.
10. awaiting news of new lead eco teacher as Helen Barley is standing down.

11. AOB

Celebration Garden:

- needs weeding (CH, JS)
- Fuchsias planted in celebration garden thriving now

Virtual Hive - could display in the library?

Urban Flora Project: Firrhill won £50 book voucher to be presented at BSS lecture (CH)

Hyacinth bulbs planted 19.9.17 with S2 pupils

Anne Frank garden.

- birch tree to be planted for Otto Frank,
- bench - have asked Tiphereth to oil bench again,
- plaque has fallen off–The Engravers Workshop are providing a new metal mount
- marble plaque to be set (with fixings and Gorilla glue) in the gravel.

17. Dates of next meetings

20.11.17

5.2.18

14.5.18