



Minutes of meeting held 25th February 2021 via Zoom

Present: Peter Cummings (PC), Alice Cummings (AC), Judy Rogers (JR), David Howlett (DH), Mike Parker (MJP), David Colgrave (DC), Jill Heseltine (JH), Caroline Rosier (CR)

Apologies: Laura Parker and Mark Pilkington

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2021 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising that would not be covered in the agenda, except that communications prior to the meeting had indicated that the previously proposed review about travel and transportation need not take place.

➤ UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF MEG ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

Carbon neutral energy and carbon neutral development

There is no one currently amongst MEG members who feels sufficiently qualified to be active in the preparation of a Local Area Energy plan. However an article has been prepared for Gargrave Parish Magazine which outlines MEG's activities and in addition enquires whether anyone from Gargrave might be interested in becoming involved with the LAEP that is being drawn up under the leadership of ACE in Settle.

Travel and Transportation

There was concern about which local government body was the lead on public transport policy and therefore with whom to liaise about action on the travel issues in the Dale. Action 1: JH to ask CDC colleagues and PC to contact JT.

Land & Nature

Other tree planting agencies have been asking for MEG's contact details and this identified the fact that MEG has no website. Action 2: PC to contact the Malhamdale.com host to ask to create a page about MEG.

YDMT has supplied MEG with two draft documents whose purpose is to collect information to drive forward their T4T program. It was agreed that the general enquiries email address for the group should be malhamdalevolunteers@gmail.com (manned by AC) and her telephone number would be the Group's general enquiries contact number. Action 3: Attendees' comments on the forms will be passed on to YDMT by PC and current members circulated to obtain the information requested on the forms

Tree planting

Tree planting along Malham Raikes have been completed. Tree planting at Malham Beck Plantation and Atkinson's Copse is now in progress. Work on improving the path in Malham Beck Plantation is being planned for summer 2021.



Action 4: PC to contact Chris Lodge to ask him to contact DC re: T4T presentation to be given to Calton Parish Council and to suggest a similar presentation to Airton Parish Council.

The Woodland Walks map prepared in June 2019 are to be sent to Chris Lodge with information on who to contact to progress any further tree planting. Action 5: PC

It was agreed that in mid-summer 2021 Chris Lodge would be invited back to a MEG meeting to discuss progress so far and to explore further possible actions.

Sensory Garden

The attendees agreed that £500 was reasonable for the designing and planning of the Sensory Garden. Action 6: AC to email the detailed quote from a local landscape garden for everyone in MEG to review and agree. Action: Group to approach KPCC on using Malhamdale Initiative funds to cover cost of design and planning phase. A solicitor representing the chapel will be sending a letter to MEG outlining the relationship with them in regards to the planning, implementation and upkeep of the garden. The subcommittee is also exploring grant options including T4T, involving an educational aspect, and the local school.

Environment educational and promotional activities

JR is progressing educational material with Fiona Busfield from YDMT about environmental awareness for children. JR is also pursuing tree planting options (field behind the school) with Kirkby Malham School.

Article for the Parish Magazine

Action 7: PC to supply a short article, with photos, about tree planting now accomplished and to promote further interest in the T4T program.

AOB

An enquiry about MEG finances identified that the KPCC treasurer had full charge over this but no money has been spent by MEG until very recently. £500 has been spent in February (2021) on the trees for the Plantation and Copse (which included one tree for the Sensory Garden).

There was an enquiry about MEG becoming involved in a contract. Action 8: PC promised to investigate further.

DH asked for view from MEG whether to discuss climate emergency with KPCC and what this meant. MEG agreed this would be good to develop.

PC, the current chairperson of the Group indicated that he would like to stand down from the post and asks MEG members if anyone would like to step forward and take on the role.

➤ DATE OF NEXT MEETING



The next meeting will be arranged for Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7:30pm. This will be via Zoom.

Subsequent meetings for 2021 are to be as follows:-; 29th April; 27th May; 24th June; 29th July; 30th September; 28th October; 25th November.