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Notes of Ordinary Meeting of the Friends of Badock's Wood held on Tuesday 21st March 2017

1. Approval of Notes of Previous Meeting held November 2016

Approved.

2. Matters arising not already covered by the AGM reports

2a Northern Gateway

There had been nothing further from the Council regarding proposals to widen the gateway and not minutes nor follow up from the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator after the meeting FOBW had attended in November 2016 to discuss this proposal. The matter was now going to the forthcoming NP meeting without any notification or consultation with either FOBW or Parks Department. It was agreed that FOBW Secretary would draft letter reiterating FOBW concerns and submit to the NP meeting that was taking place on 28th March 2017. **Action: Secretary**

2b Notice Boards

The Notice Board at the Northern Gateway had had the Perspex replaced and re-vandalised. There is no more funding for City Council to buy new Perspex sheets so this would not be repaired.

2c Work Parties

There would be work parties this year to tackle non-native bluebells and Himalayan balsam. The Secretary would advise members of work party dates when / if they are arranged.

Action: Secretary

3. Any Other Business

3a "Manhunt" games in the wood

It was noted that the Free School regularly organises a game of Manhunt (a form of Hide & Seek) in the wood. This meant that there were a lot of youngsters running around the nature reserve areas off the footpaths and concerns were voiced that this was potentially damaging to the flora of the woodland area in particular. It was also commented that it was nice to see children playing in the wood and running around. Given the lateness of the hour it was decided there was no time to discuss this matter [*since this meeting this has been discussed by FOBW Committee*].

3b Photos

Nick Keeler presented FOBW with photos from Diane Barlow from the early days of FOBW activities in the wood. He was asked to thank Diane on FOBW's behalf.

4. Next Meeting

The next general FOBW meeting will be **Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.** at the Greenway Centre.