



# OXENHOPE MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

## Millennium Green Trust, Oxenhope AGM & Trust Meeting Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Attendees:** Ken Eastwood (Chair) (KE), Nel Hargrave (NH), Claire Scott-Pearce (CP) and Jill Eastwood (Secretary) (JE).

**Guests:** Martin Lingard (ML)

**Apologies:** Saranna Watkins (SW), Michelle Smith (MS) .

### 1. Welcome by the Chair

KE welcomed the Trust members and guest to the meeting.

### 2. Accounts for the year ending

KE presented the final accounts for the Trust.

KE then presented the accounts for the Fete 2023.

Accounts signed off.

### 3. The Fete

NH stated that she knew of two more volunteers. KE stated that we need to start pulling together a list of volunteers so will need name and contact information. This could then be used to contact them for a pre-fete day meeting. This will help ensure that everybody knows what they are doing on the day.

NH to contact Lydia McPherson to see if she wants a stall for Action against Wind Farms.

CP wondered if there was anything that could be put on the ground to help stop it being churned up by vehicles. CP suggested some form of matting. NH stated that this type of matting tended to be made of plastic and probably one use so not environmentally friendly. Decision to see how it goes weather wise and if the ground is going to be too wet a decision to cancel the fete may have to be made.

CP stated that she has found a coffee supplier called 'It's a Grind' which is run out of a horse box. CP has booked it for the fete.

CP mentioned that 'Eyes on the Fries' were booked to come, and they have a quiet generator. **Unfortunately, since the meeting they canceled.**

CP mentioned that the 'Greek Street Food' trailer was booked, and they also have a quieter generator.

CP mentioned that no communication had been received yet from 'Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream' vendor but can't see why they wouldn't come.

Discussion took place about any other food options and pizza was mentioned. NH mentioned a truck that attends Hebden market. NH to investigate, get information and contact them to see if they are interested. **Since this meeting ML is going to ask the landlord of the Bay Horse for the details of the pizza vendor who attends the straw race.**

KE mentioned a deli at Wilsden with a wood fire pizza trailer they use for events. KE to enquire further.

CP then moved onto gazebos and the provision / purchase of a marquee for the entertainment. Decision made for CP to proceed with the purchase of the marquee to include the floor frame for stability and to go for the heavier weight of fabric. Also decided to purchase a gazebo to replace one of the ones that got damaged last year. Also need to investigate what we will need to secure each gazebo, so they don't blow over.

CP stated that Robert Goulding wanted a stall to promote ARLA and encourage the younger generation to think of farming as a viable career. There will be products being given away such as Starbucks and ARLA cheese. He also wants to bring along a tractor. CP has already stressed that it needs to be very clean. Discussion took place as to location and decision made that it can be parked in the gateway at the train station end of the green. This will have to be done once the time has passed for stall holders and the food and drink vendors are in place.

CP stated that the Jungle Adventure and Birds of Prey stall have suggested that they would like to do a display with the birds of prey in the arena. All agreed that it would be a great addition to the programme for the arena.

CP stated that she had an idea about a stall. Invite locals to display their produce on a shared stall. Suggestions are vegetables, jams, and pickles. The spare marquee could possibly be used for this stall.

CP suggested we have a separate meeting to discuss the running order for the dog show.

CP asked if a decision was made about the coconut shy the Scouts want to run. Discussion took place. Decision was made to move this game along with the Splat the Rat and Tin Can Alley to the bottom field, final location yet to be decided.

NH stated that the hamper from the Coop last year was only a small one and they could have provided a larger one if they had known about it sooner. NH to contact the coop

sooner rather than later and ask for the hamper for this year. CP raised a concern about getting prizes for the raffle. KE stated that we did alright last year with the hamper from the Coop; Timothy Taylors; Cash prizes; vouchers from Unique, Fish & Chips and the Dog & Gun.

CP stated that so far, the music will be provided by a jazz band call Obtuse and the Ukele band is to return. Hoping to get the same PA system and stage.

CP stated that the portable toilets have been booked from Convenience Hire. KE should have received an email from the supplier. They will be delivered on the Friday and will be picked up on the Monday.

KE mentioned the lack of PA system for the arena, and we need to purchase a new one. All agreed it was needed. KE asked ML if he had any contacts that could help with the purchase of a decent system. ML to ask around.

Discussion took place as to who to invite to compare. Agreed NH to contact Kevin Campbell-Wright.

The Patchett's are happy to help with the Duck Race again this year, but we need to replace the ducks that escaped last year. JE to get them ordered.

CP stated that her son and mother were happy to run a tombola but need prizes.

CP stated one of her customers was involved with a street theatre group. Suggested they would be a good mobile entertainment for around the green. CP was waiting for a response to see if they are available.

KE stated that we have made good progress, and the arena events are shaping up nicely. Currently have dog show, dog agility, bird display and kid's races.

NH enquired whether we could do anything in the evening. Discussion took place. Decision was to wait and see what the weather conditions were like and if good enough see if the bar and music tents could stay longer.

#### **4. Maintenance and horticulture**

KE stated that the grass cutting has started. A watching brief for mole activity in case they return in force this year.

NH mentioned that the benches needed to be sorted out and ML stated that they needed doing this year as they wouldn't last another winter. Discussion too place. Decision for KE to ask Dan Holmes to provide a price for moving the bench near the

bridge; treating the benches; treating the wooden side gate and painting the metal gates.

KE to chase Roger Smales for the map for the information point. Also to check that the park and children's play area is on the map.

## **5. Any other business**

**Next meeting is arranged for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7 pm venue to be NH's house.**