#### Friends of Finchley Way Open Space



# **April 2025 Ordinary Meeting**

22 April 2025 at 8.00 pm

Location: 9 Hamilton Way, N3 1AN

# 1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were agreed.

# 2. Financial report

## 2.1 Current position

Karen reported that the bank held £4117.11. Income was £324.48 of which £240.08 were donations. There was also a £4 overcharge on an invoice to LBB.

No expenditure this year so far.

## 3. Future projects

#### 3.1 Top of Field

It was agreed that no further work or expenditure would be carried out in this area until LBB had carried out their investigations into the nature of the subsidence.

## 3.2 Tree in wildflower area

It was agreed that subject to approval from LBB the dead elm in this area would be felled by Ryan Best and the logs retained. Full scope of works are: Dead standing elm to be dismantled and stacked at the nearest sensible location (finished height to be confirmed) £80. Wind-blown sycamore stem in corner of plot to be removed, cut and stacked £50. Dead standing stems across pathway to be felled, cut and stacked £50.

ACTION ND/SK

#### 3.3 Wildflower fencing

It was agreed that a decision would be made on site at the next work party of the best way to proceed to balance the cosmetic appearance of the area with the need to protect the planting there.

#### 3.4 Newly planted area

It was agreed that a decision would be made on site at the next work party of the best way to proceed to improve the viability of the area. Options that will be considered include using the remaining porcelain substrate to form a layer over the existing soil to improve water retention and to move some of the most struggling plants to a more favourable environment. Future plantings would take better account of the particular requirements of this area.

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## 3.5 Compost and storage area

It was agreed that a decision would be made on site at a work party of the best way to proceed to improve this useful area. Options that will be considered include removing all the excess material for green recycling offsite and/or emptying the existing bins, sifting through the material and using some of it for mulch, some of it returning to the bins for further decay and some removing from the site altogether.

# 4. Work parties

It was agreed that apart from Ross, all Trustees would share the work of running Work Parties. Suzanne would organise a meeting to outline the duties and procedures to follow.

ACTION SK

# 5. Dates of Next Board meeting

The meeting previous planned for 22 July was not convenient for several Trustees. New suggested dates would be circulated shortly.

ACTION SK