

Folk Camps Council Meeting

24 May 2020

Convened by video conference due to Coronavirus pandemic meaning face to face meeting prohibited by government advice.

Present:

- Marcus de Frettes (Chair)
- Patrick Self (Vice Chair)
- Judith Jenkins (Company Secretary)
- Anne Guthrie
- Mel Horton
- Anthony Keen
- Sue Malleson
- Paul Weir
- Rebecca Boram
- Kerstin Jewel

Apologies:

- None

Agenda:

- Minutes of April 19th meeting.
- Minutes of May 12th meeting
- Virtual / remote activities – Zoom etc. Lockdown.
- AOB.

1. Topic: Previous Meetings Minutes

Minutes of 19 April meeting. Proposed approval of the minutes by Marcus, seconded by Sue, approved unanimously.

Minutes of 12 May meeting. Proposed approval of the minutes by Marcus, seconded by Sue, approved unanimously.

Action: Marcus to sign + scan copies for Kerstin to log. Kerstin (or Patrick) to upload PDF to website.

2. Topic: Discussion of Virtual Camps Ideas: Lockdown!

Judith had circulated a discussion paper in advance of the meeting.

Discussion of Dalton weekend online events: initiated by a camper (i.e. bottom up, not staff, not Council), held on Zoom, included “camp meeting” and songs. 22 connections, approx. 45 people. They intend to have a “party night” too on Monday.

Discussion on whether Folk Camps should initiate events (top down), or should we expect “bottom up” events to occur.

Also of large vs. small events. Large might need multiple hosts.

Will we create events just during summer weeks? Or from now to include period of weekend workshop camps too?

Discussion on pros and cons of each. (Details not recorded here).

Sue proposed that we can create a community with continuing value to us and members: Public Facebook Group (e.g. Lockerdown). Moderated, will need at least a couple of user Admins. Bottom up creation of events, the FB group can advertise the events. (invite members)

Decision: Agreed to create FB Group for Lockerdown events. Folk Camps to facilitate events rather than to initiate. We will need the group to be seeded with 2 or 3 events to get it started. (e.g. some already happening). We expect more events will generate because of the Folk Camps community.

Folk Camps to purchase a Zoom account (to avoid some limitations of the free Zoom account). We can buy additional user licences if needed. We can share the user id for those setting up events.

Action: Sue and Paul to set up the Facebook Group and ensure it has 2 or 3 seed events before advertising the group.

Action: Patrick to set up Zoom account and user id (may need additional Folk Camps email address).

Action: Patrick to create policy/guidance for the use of Zoom.

Action: Patrick to add info on Folk Camps website once the group is set up.

Action: Patrick to purchase Lockerdown domain name (with 1 or 2 useful extensions) to bag the name

Action: Marcus and Paul to compose mass email to inform the mailing list of Lockerdown.

Action: Mel to write letter to the few people not on email to inform them of the Lockerdown online activities.

Action: all of Council to post in Slack of ideas of who to ask for initial seed events.

3. Topic Any Other Business

Open Actions from previous meetings etc. to be covered in next meeting.

Also Folk Camps policies: Patrick and Sue had been updating. Need to verify if all have been updated and get Council review/approval. And publish on website any not yet published.

Also need to verify status of H+S activities. Mostly completed in past by Lou Tribus, need to determine if any further work is needed, review, approve and publish.

Next meeting date – In approx. 2 weeks time – exact time to be agreed via Slack. Agenda to cover items mentioned in AOB above, and anything else anyone thinks needs to be covered imminently before we get to September Working weekend meeting.

Also needs to cover AGM arrangements (as much as can be decided now).

End of minutes.