

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Rishton PROSPECTS Panel held in the People's
Centre, School Street, Rishton on the 7th January 2020**

1. Present: Ruth Colling (Chair), Margaret Worden (Secretary/Treasurer), Colin Cooper (Project Coordinator/Asst Secretary), Cllr. Jeff Scales, Cllr Michael Miller, Beverley Moorhouse, Mike Stapleford (Prospects Foundation) & Ursula Hurst (Artdaze).

2. Apologies: Paul Wilkinson

3. Minutes of the meetings held on 1st October 2019

Agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising:

5. Treasurer's Report

The current account stands at £6,498.67 (£6,597.70) and the investment account at £1,192.79 (£1,191.99).

6. Project Update:

a) Station Food Growing. Mike Stapleford reported that Roger Plum and his Green Team will be happy to help with a clean-up at the food growing area. Colin has been down to assess the situation as sometime ago Network Rail had been in and lopped branches off many of the trees, these unfortunately have been left scattered haphazardly. It was agreed to arrange a working party in the spring.

b) Canal. Mike reported that The Canal & River Trust/Prospects Foundation Volunteer Task Force have organised further working parties on the 22nd January on the canal by the steps which lead to the bridge and path to Cut Wood Park. On the 4th March by the Café by the herb planter and on the 18th March by the picnic site. The Task Force continues to have good support.

7. Station Art Project

Everything has now been OK'd by Northern Rail. There will be a group of figures placed and fixed on the Rishton Sign on each platform. The map and posters will be attached to the fencing on the Accrington platform and the long silhouette is to be attached to the metal railings on the Blackburn platform. However, we need to remind Community Rail Lancashire that they had agreed to cut back some of the tree branches in front of the silhouette and also strip the grass in front.

Ellison Printers of Rishton have guaranteed the cut out figures etc. to be done on diebond or laminated onto diebond will be guaranteed for three years. Ursula is worried about them fading and as such contacted a company called Signed Express to give a price for printing them on vinyl. So Ursula is awaiting further quotes before giving the go ahead. Posters advertising Rishton and Prospects will be placed in all stations along the route and especially in Blackpool. As the work must be completed by the 31st March we will have to ensure that all parties involved in printing etc. are aware of this deadline.

We intend to have a grand opening at Easter before the school holidays so that children from the three schools originally involved in the artwork can hopefully attend. We will finalise our plans further at our March meeting. (No meeting in February).

8. Prospects Foundation

Mike reported that Network Rail is replacing the rail bridge over the canal between Rishton and Church & Oswaldtwistle stations. The work will take place between 15-23 February. There is no movement on Star Delph.

9. Green Spaces Forum

The AGM will be held on the 22nd January 2020. Colin reported that as is the case with many volunteer organisations they are struggling for members.

10. Time Booking

Colin will be working on bringing the time booking the last couple of over months up to date.

11. Working Parties

None until the weather improves.

12. Date & time of next meeting

7.00pm, Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at People's Centre

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.