**Greenbank Residents’ Association**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2009**

Present: Liz, Judith, Gareth, Paul, Julie, Marie, Suzanne, Anna, Bodey

**Report from Leisure**

The 106 money had been spent and Leisure are working on the management plan.

Richard is putting together a plan of what needs doing for Green Flag status.

**Action: We need to come up with a rough plan of what we want to achieve in the next five years.**

MCFC’s Manchester in the Community have booked Greenbank for a non-traditional sports event from 15th to 19th February.

**Grants**

Awards for All – apply for 3-phase running track.

Children In Need - £10,000 available over three years. Liz and Hannah applying to do an art project. A printing-based project was discussed so we could buy equipment, and then everything else is quite cheap. We would need premises – possibility of using an empty shop on Byrom Parade? A series of workshops could be run for 0-18 year olds, with parents included.

Community Foundation - £1,000 applied for to cover our newsletters for this year. Two are to be done with local young people, and two by GBRA.

**Dates**

Crazy golf – 24th July (invite other local groups)

Scruffs – 25th April

Clean-ups – 20th March, 6th June and 31st October

Picnic in the Park /BBQ – 6th June

Halloween event – 31st October

**AOB**

Planting – Ann suggested buying some Cosmos seeds for people to raise at home so we could have a planting event.

Action: Anna to approach seed companies to ask for free seeds

Poo boards – the ones near the swimming pool entrance need moving along because they are blocking residents’ view of the field.

Water birds – Paul suggested doing a couple of ‘scrapes’ to remove some top soil to allow water to settle. This will attract water birds. Could be over near the orchard.

What’s happening with the BMX track? Nothing been mentioned for some time.

Newsletter: Paul – allotment

 Anna – recipe

 Judith – writing about the Canada geese

 Gareth – Chairman’s note (written by himself)

 Ben – Running training programme