



Minutes of Meeting 22nd January 2020, 7pm at the Brown Jug

Apologies: Virginia Pawlyn, Martin Mordecai, Vikki Willetts, Rob Willetts, Lucy Dodsworth, Lorelei Symes, Judith Anderson.

Present: Derek Scarborough: Chair, (DS), Karen Scarborough (KS), Richard James (RJ), Elise Forbes (EF), Sue Key (SK).

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted

Planning Applications:

No new relevant planning applications have been received.

4 Finances

Expenditure

There are bills pending for the Christmas Carol Concert road closure (£150), Barriers (£50), batteries (for Christmas lights and paper (for 400 Circulars).

Income

Membership Fees received:£30

Donation of £50

5 Utility Boxes and Bath Road Partnership

The planned informal meeting between SPARJA, NARA, representatives of Bath Road Traders and CBC was not held due to the General Election, however an informal meeting was held with, the outcome of which will be discussed at the next meeting.

6 The Triangle

JH still to claim £30 for Silver Birch

7 Planters

Of the 3 budgeted planters only one had been purchased (for the Christmas Tree). It was decided that this planter will be removed to EF's garage until needed for next years Christmas Tree.

8 Notice Board

VW continues to look after the notice board. At the end of the month DS to provide some material to replace the Advent Window.

Post Meeting Note : A thank you poster for the donations at the Concert has been displayed.

9 Membership Report

KS advised that we had received approximately £30 from new members, and was in the process of realigning membership to January.

10 Christmas Cards

DS thanked LD & JD for producing the Christmas cards and SK and KS for helping with the delivery of the 400 cards.



11 Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol service was recorded as a great success, £375.52 was raised for the Salvation Army to distribute food and Christmas parcels to Cheltenham families.

DS has written and delivered a thank you letters/emails to:

Racheal (correct spelling) at the Brown Jug for her generosity in providing the food and drink at the Carol concert.

David & Lisa at Burger Star for their £30 donation.

Rev Ken Schill for the loan of a table and chairs for the band as well as carrying out the blessing.

RJ reported that on 1st January, a £50 donation was received from Merretts the Post office. KS will be delivering a thank you letter.

12. Christmas Tree

DS has written and delivered a thank you letter to Colin & Jane acknowledging their generosity in providing the tree.

A.O.B

1.SK raised the issue of dog fouling in Exmouth Street and Naunton Parade and asked if there was anything we could do. DS advised there is very little that can be done other than being vigilant . It was suggested a poster asking dog owners to be considerate should be added to the notice board (Action DS).

2. SK raised the issue of pot holes in Exmouth Street. DS added that they were particularly bad in Hermitage Street. DS suggested she report them on fixmystreet.com. RJ suggested it be reported on fillthathole.com, both of these give everyone visibility of the problem and can be tracked.

3.KS suggested that NARA needed a summer event and suggested a window box event. Following debate, the following ideas were entertained:

1. Launch around May 8th Bank Holiday (for blooming in June/July/August
2. Participant window boxes (or pots) to be identified (perhaps windmill)
3. Launch event on Triangle (Cake/Collect/Construct)
4. Suggest pictures of boxes in bloom posted on our Facebook page.
5. Post map of boxes (like advent windows)
6. Consider NARA providing some boxes on a 1st come 1st served basis (possibly approach garden centres for discount or 10% discount vouchers), RJ investigate costs.
7. Investigate grant possibilities



All of the above to be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Litter Pick: Sunday 9th February

Next Meetings: 4th March, 22nd April & 3rd June, All Wednesday

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