**Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday May 30th, 7.00pm at The Sup and Chow**

* **Apologies, V Willets, R Willets, D Green, L Dodsworth, C Blair, M Mordecai, B Campbell**
* **Present – Derek Scarborough, Karen Scarborough, Liz Symes, Derek Cole, Heather Cole, John Hepworth, Jill Douglas, Sue Key .Rob Coltman, Elise Forbes, Jan Champion, Ann Michell**
* **Minutes of previous meeting -** 
  + Accepted with changes (DS to forward amended minutes to Lucy for posting on website)

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| **Treasurers Report**  Balance at last meeting |  |  | **1573.69** |
| Income - Andrews |  |  | **200** |
| Income membership |  |  | **135** |
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|  | **Income** | **Exp** | **Balance** |
| Litter Pick Fund | 325.00 | 183.39 | 141.61 |
| Triangle | 2361.82 | 1426.24 | 935.58 |
| Website Grant | 300.00 | 125.00 | 175.00 |
| Donations & Membership | 456.50 | 0.00 | 456.50 |
| Utility Box Fund | 200 | 0 | £200.00 |
| **Balance @ 30/5/2018** |  |  | **£1,908.69** |

**Planning Applications**

The Regeneration of the Market was refused at the Planning Meeting on 24th May on the grounds of poor design and not enhancing the character or appearance of a conservation area (full judgement is attached). Most likely response for developer will be written appeal to Planning Inspectorate in Bristol within 6 months, however everyone who objected will be notified of an appeal.

**Membership Report**

We now have 59 members we added 10 new members since last meeting, achieved mainly by knocking on doors when delivering leaflets also passers-by on the Triangle

**Utility Boxes**

KS announced that Andrews Estate Agents had contributed £200 to the Utility Box fund, JH was concerned about conflict of interest with regard to other estate agents. A vote to confirm NARA’s commitment to £160 was 10 in favour, 1 abstention.

**Triangle**

DS had obtained an estimate of £600 from Ireley Nursery near Winchcombe to plant all 3 beds. Members of the Gardening Committee visited Miserden Nursery and selected plants for one bed at a cost of £156.40 (including a 20% discount), making a saving on the approx. £200/bed estimate.

Virginia Pawlyn who lives just outside the catchment area has offered to mow the grass on the Triangle.

DS has spoken to Estate Agents for 22 Francis Street and the owner has consented to NARA using his outside tap and will provide a key to the padlock.

In response to question from JH, DS ran through plans for Triangle and following discussion, it was agreed next bed would be planted in next 3 weeks, and expenditure of approx. £68 was approved for laying of Turf RC & DS to organise (£15 cheaper than B&Q and bonus free delivery).

**AP4.1: RC & DS organise turfing of Triangle**

KS advised that daffodils removed from the Triangle would be distributed to Sue Ryder, & Emmanuel Church.

**AP4.2: KS to deliver Daffodils to Emmanuel Church via Mrs Broadfoot.**

The voting for the Planter on the Triangle was extended till 8th June, it was suggested Lions Club Exmouth sales might be source of plants, DS to send link for vote to HC.

DS thanked Rob and Elise, who has offered to document the planting on the Triangle.

**Associate Members**

This issue was debated for the 2nd time. SK asked if they would be included in newsletters, DS said yes as he didn’t anticipate many in this category. JH wanted reassurance there would be no voting rights and suggested it be limited to Council wards and it would require separate meeting to ratify.

Following discussion it was agreed a proposed change to the constitution be prepared to include “Associate Member”, with no voting rights, for persons outside the catchment area.

**AP4.3: DS review RW words and circulate draft for consideration at Special Meeting to be held immediately before Next “Ordinary Meeting”.**

**Street signage – CB advise at next meeting.**

**Litter Picks**

Held 3 litter picks Sunday 29 April and Wednesday 9 May, Sunday 27 May

Next litter picks, Monday 11 June and Sunday 24 June with possible finish at the Exmouth for food.

**AP4.4: DS to see if we can take up Exmouth offer of food on 24th June, 11.30.**

**A.O.B.**

SK said there continued to be cigarette ends outside “My Coffee”, however she thought the Bath Road seemed to be looking “cleaner”, and requested a picker to use outside of litter picks. In order not to run short of equipment it was agreed 5 more sets would be purchased (approximate price £75).

**AP4.5: DS order 5 sets of litter pick equipment.**

DS advised litter receptacle outside Lloyds Bank overflowed onto pavement and intended to write to them.

**AP4.6: DS write to Lloyds Bank**

**Quiz** – Jill reported that along with Damien & Lucy they had prepared a quiz and now needed to find suitable venue. It was suggested DS speak to Emmanuel Church when handing over the daffodils.

**AP4.7: All to explore Quiz Venues**

**AP4.8: DS explore use of Emmanuel Church.**

Elise reported that she had contacted CBC with regard to a homeless persons belongings being abandoned in Exmouth Street, it has since been removed.

LS suggested that weed cleaning needs to be done in Naunton Crescent, DS said council aimed to clean streets every 2 years and he had seen Ubico “buggies” spraying the pavements recently.

**AP4.9: DS to renew efforts to establish which GCC Highways person needs to be contacted .**

LS complained about a hedge that was projecting onto the pavement, DS suggested she contact CBC direct.

LS raised awareness of Plastic Free for Cheltenham and said she had talked to Danny Watts about making the Bath Road plastic free. DS suggested that she provide some words for posting on the NARA website.

**AP4.10: Liz Symes provide draft article for review.**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th July, 7pm Sup & Chow**

**Next litter picks, Monday 11 June and Sunday 24th June, both 10.30am**