**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday, 26th August, 7.00pm on the Triangle.**

**Apologies,** Brenda Campbell, Sue Key, John Hepworth, Richard James, Derek and Heather Cole, Richard James

**Present** – Derek Scarborough (DS), Karen Scarborough (KS), Lorelei Symes (LS),Rob Willetts (RW), M Mordecai (MM), E Forbes (EF), Graeme & Lucy Adams, Lucy Dodsworth (LD), Rob Coltman (RC).

**Finances**

DS reported that we are in a healthy with funds exceeding £2000 (not exact as Treasurer not present).

Collections from the box on the Triangle are averaging £5 each week.

**Defibrilator**

The £1,000 targets was exceeded by £300 and this will be used to publicise a Training course in the use of the Defibrillator.

DS to liaise with Exmouth/SWT & Cheltenham Connect with view to September/October session in the Exmouth Arms.

**Flower Box Festival**

This was launched on the Triangle, inviting residents to have flower boxes and tubs in their front gardens to “brighten up” our area.

Arnaud of Saturn Hydroponics (<https://www.saturnbioponics.com/>) supplied strawberries which KS and LA decanted in to punnets (all of which were distributed). Window boxes were offered for sale which were made out of recycled pallets, all of these were sold and a further 6 were ordered for delivery after the event.. Approximately 75 residents attended throughout the afternoon in a relaxed atmosphere listening to D’artagnan. £100 was realised from donations and the sale of window boxes against expenditure of approx. £120 was incurred for pin wheels, punnets and donation to D’artagnan. LD agreed to include an account of the day on the website, DS to forward pics and copy.

**Planning Applications**

**252 Bath Road -The Market**

MM reported that the developers of the Market at the end of Langdon Road :Markey (<https://www.markeygroup.co.uk/>) had applied for a variation of conditions relating to :

Extraction details,   
- Method statement for noise mitigation,   
- Piling scheme,   
- Tree pit details,   
- Construction management plan.

Full details and opportunity to comment are here: <https://publicaccess.cheltenham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=QW85SBEL08300>

**The Co-op – Leckhampton Road**

Following a refused application last year. The Co-op has resubmitted plans to demolish a bungalow in Church Road in order to double parking capacity. Details and opportunity to comment here:

<https://publicaccess.cheltenham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QO3INKELMYZ00>

**Old Bath Road**

NARA has submitted a letter on behalf of residents commenting on a detached dwelling being built in the front garden of a house, which appears to only have permission for a garage.

**Triangle - Watering Rota**

The following offered to help with watering the Triangle (rain permitting):

RW – Mondays

RC - Wednesday

G& LA - Friday

Elise reported that she hadencountered the Chair of the Civic Society on the Triangle a week or so ago. He said he had admired it for ages but never seen anyone there before! He thought it was a great addition to the neighbourhood. Lorelei volunteered to see if any funding might be available for the Triangle from Civic Society.

It was agreed that KS should buy new shears.

**Autumn Newsletter**

Following discussion it was agreed that the following items will be included in the Autumn newsletter:

Advent Windows

Santa Trail

Defib Training Course

Carol Service

History Weekend on the Triangle

There was some debate concerning the need for a Santa Run if the Carol Service was to return. KS suggested that the Santa Run be held early in December to so that any proceeds could be used for their intended purpose i.e relief at Christmas.

**A.O.B**

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**History on the Triangle**

It was agreed that a History Weekend would be held on the Triangle Spring/Easter 2022:

DS has spoken to David Elder (<https://www.amberley-books.com/author-community-main-page/e/community-david-elder.html>) and Stuart Manton (<http://www.cheltenhamsouthtown.org/> ) who have both agreed to contribute with material and possibly guided walks from the Triangle.

DS to apply for grants for portable notice boards

**Litter Picks**

It was agreed that litter picks should be restarted on the 1st Sunday of each month.

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| **Next Meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 6th October on the Triangle**  **Next Litter Pick: 1st Sunday of the month (Sunday, September 5th) at 10am.**  **D Scarborough**  **2nd September, 2021** |  |  |  |