

THE PARK BENCH GENERAL MEETING

7.00 Wednesday 26 April

Minutes

1. Greetings and introductions

Present at meeting: Jenny, Heather, Lucy, Tim, Michelle and Andy

2. Apologies: Richard, Carrie and Stella

3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of previous meetings have been circulated and are taken as read and approved. Matters arising are dealt with under the appropriate agenda item.

4. Treasurer's report.

Richard reported that the balance in the bank account stands at £178.10 at 12 April and our only outgoings have been volunteer travel expenses. We will begin to investigate small-scale fund-raising. The idea for The Park Bench was inspired by a Quaker initiative in London, and initially funded by Quaker Homeless Action, so it may be that local Quaker Meetings may be willing to help.

Jenny and Tim will ask local branches of Asda and Waitrose whether they might consider helping us as a local charity, as they have done before.

We consider we could spend more on Quick Reads.

5. Operations

Summary Figures for the year to date are attached. Numbers of books borrowed and returned are low, but we never have a library session without one or more interesting conversation. Richard and Heather have recently been thanked by a borrower, now in stable accommodation, who said our presence had been a comfort in the past.

Lucy and Jenny will investigate the Methodist Centre as a possible alternative to the Wild Goose and will report back.

6. Book Movements

The books in store at the Julian Trust Night Shelter have been sorted out, and some will refresh the trolleys at Logos House and the Wild Goose. We still keep bookshelves stocked at the Julian Trust, One25 and Refresh.

Michelle asked whether donations are always welcome, and was encouraged to invite them. There is a continuing demand for non-fiction, including biographies and True Crime. Tim will supply more copies of the National Geographic, which seemed popular.

7. Volunteers

Michelle has joined the team and done some sessions at Logos House. She has enjoyed the experience so far.

8. **AOB.**

Could we have a supply of Park Bench leaflets – both for fund-raising and for handing out at possible new venues. We ask Richard to supply some.

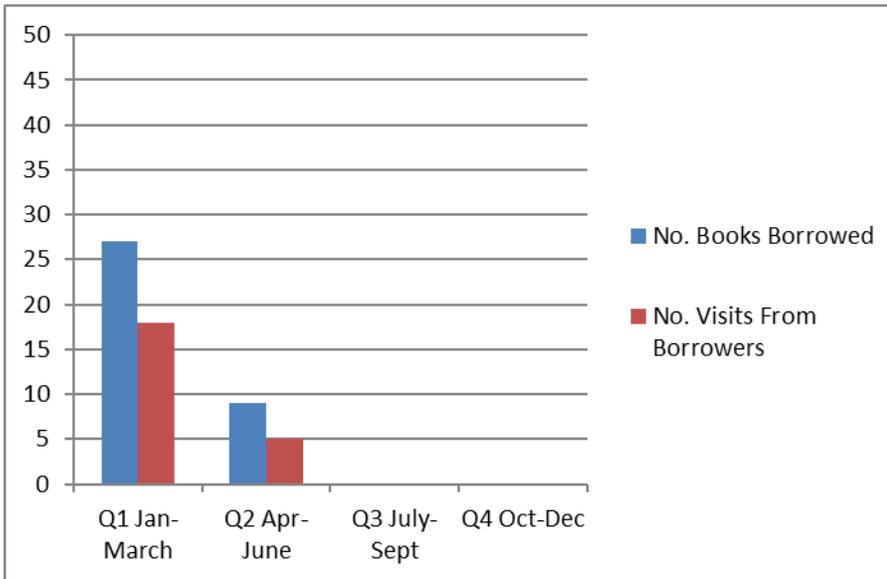
9. **Next meeting**

Our next scheduled meeting will be on 19 July 2017, 7pm at Lucy's

We separated at 9pm, after refreshments.

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