

Minutes of

The Park Bench 10th Annual General Meeting

Held at

The Volunteer Tavern

On

Wednesday 17th January 2018

Present Richard Drake, Heather Lister, Andrew Watson, Stella Wintle, Lucy Palmer, Carrie Spittlehouse, Tim Southall, Michelle Douglass

Apologies Jenny Cartwright,

AGM

1. Welcoming remarks were made by Lucy.
2. **Matters arising from our last AGM :**
Minutes of last AGM were read and agreed at our first meeting during the year.
There were no matters arising that have not been dealt with during the year.
3. **Chair's Annual Report:**
The draft annual report was circulated and approved by the meeting.
4. **Treasurers report**
Richard reported that our only expenses this year are £60 bank costs and occasional volunteers expenses for travel. The balance in the bank is £177.60 in the bank having received an anonymous donation of £100
Figures are presented in the Annual Report and we still have a balance in excess of our immediate needs but as always small injections of funds are welcome.
We have received a letter from CAF Bank asking for information about trustees and our policies on foreign payments. Draft responses to key questions were agreed by those present.
5. **Other Business.**
 - Richard demonstrated a proposed website as an alternative to our existing one which is due for renewal at a cost of about £60. The new site, with incorporated twitter feed, was approved by those present and Richard was asked to proceed with that funded from the anonymous donation we have received. It will be no more expensive than our existing site, but with much

greater function. Those who want to be able to use the twitter account should let Richard know so he can arrange that.

- Carrie notified us that Caring at Christmas had very few books available for guests this year and we will consider helping them out next December.
- We were advised that there is now another library service for the homeless in Bristol, going out on the streets with books in wheeled suitcases. It's called Wheely Good Books and was featured in Bristol 24/7 over December. We welcome this initiative.

6. Elections of Officers and Trustees.

All existing trustees have expressed a desire to be re-elected; Lucy, Richard & Heather are willing to continue as Chair, Treasurer & Secretary respectively; all carried without objection.

Carrie & Michelle were invited to become trustees. They both accepted and were welcomed to the board.

7. Dates of meetings in 2018

We have decided to continue meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm.

25 April	at Carrie's
18 July	at Richard & Heather's
24 October	at Michelle's

8. The meeting ended at about 20:05 (start time 19:40)