

Minutes of

The Park Bench 11th Annual General Meeting

Held at

The Volunteer Tavern

On

Wednesday 30th January 2019

Present Richard Drake, Heather Lister, Stella Wintle, Lucy Palmer, Tim Southall, Michelle Douglass

Apologies Jenny Cartwright, Carrie Spittlehouse, Andrew Watson,

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 expenses this year are £60 bank costs and £92.67 related to website and domain registration. We received an anonymous donation of £92.67 to fund the website & domain registration.
The balance in the bank is £117.60. We still have a balance in excess of our immediate needs but as always small injections of funds are welcome.
5. **Other Business.**
 - Funding; when we have specific needs we can fundraise for them. In the meantime we can all look to any local connections to raise small amounts to enhance our financial sustainability
 - Lucy will register the Park Bench on Gatehouse Publishing to enable people to donate books
 - We have discussed the services we can provide to people with literacy issues and will consult further with Logos House staff

- St Annes; we'll keep our eyes on this project and any new shelter developments to see if we might be able to provide enhanced services in the future.

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.

7. Dates of meetings in 2019

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

Provisional dates for the coming year are agreed as

17 at Lucy's

17 July at (tba)

23 October at Tim's

8. The meeting ended at about 19:55 (start time 19:25)