

Minutes of

The Park Bench 12th Annual General Meeting

Held at

The Volunteer Tavern

on

Wednesday 29 January 2020

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

Apologies Jill Meakin

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. **Treasurer's report**
Richard reported that our expenses this year are £60 bank costs and £92.75 related to AGM & administration costs. We received anonymous donations of £160 to fund the general costs and £20 from UWE.

We end the year with £129.85 in the bank. 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
 - Redland Quaker Meeting – a couple of volunteers went to Avenue House in Cotham to sort out their books. Heather will top up their shelves as necessary

– could put in an appeal for funds to the Quakers local meetings at Horfield and Redland.

- Lucy went to the Amnesty Bookshop with a Park Bench flyer and was able to swap a box of books for a selection from their ‘for recycling’ shed. They seemed happy for us to return for more books as and when we need to.
- Co-op at St Anne’s – potential source of funding – local charity to support. There’s lots of talk about new shelters opening, including St Anne’s as a permanent shelter.
- Tim has decided to take a break from volunteering at Logos House, but Carrie would like to be added to the Logos rota.
- Easy Read initiative – our contact there will talk to Myra at Logos House to try to set something up.

6. Elections of officers and trustees

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

7. Dates of meetings in 2019

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

Proposed dates for the coming year are

15 April	at Lucy’s
15 July	at (tba)
14 October	at (tba)

8. The meeting ended at about 19:47 (start time 19:24).