

Friends of Colyton Library
Minutes of Committee Meeting – 19th August 2014

Present: JD/RH/AK/JF/SW/RM/MH (Marianne Harman Librarian)

Apologies: JU/MM/DD

2. Welcome to Marianne Harman & Role and Work of FoCL:

JD introduced MH to the Committee and then proceeded to relate the background of the Friends Group from conception to date and on-going situation with the volunteers.

3. Update on DCC Consultation:

The papers re the libraries future are going to the DCC on October 8th. The outcome is not 'set in stone' and there may be some alterations before the final decisions are made.

JD reported that the FoCL have been invited to a seminar about findings of the consultation

4. Treasurer's Report

At the date of this meeting the bank balance is £3,402.97.

5. Membership Secretary's Report

We now have 90 paid up members, including 6 new members and 2 who have rejoined. Thanks to DD and AK for their hard work at the Church Fete and at the Ann Widdecombe talk in promoting the Friends Group.

JD and JF have chased up those members who hadn't rejoined and have had great success.

6. Library Extra

Tuesdays and Saturdays – MH said she thought the Saturday volunteers were a great help. She also asked that we should make sure that the computers were switched off at the end of the Tuesday morning sessions.

Coffee Mornings – the Tuesday coffee mornings are not as well attended since St Andrews church started their weekly coffee mornings on the same day. JF to provide the cake for the next coffee morning on 2nd September.

7. Report from Librarian

MM began by thanking the Friends of volunteers.

She then went on to list the improvements she has made with the book stock and also outlined the following ideas and thoughts and work that she is undertaking:

- a. More contact with the Primary School including visits, promotions etc. to meet the childrens' needs.
- b. Would like to minute and pass her thanks to Cynthia Boyt for all her hard work and enthusiasm in helping with the children's activities.

- c. Following a request by a member of the library for new stock of biographies an exchange with Holsworthy and Honiton to refresh stock.
- d. Would like to start a writers group and possible French conversation group.
- e. Propose a “publish on Amazon” workshop evening.
- f. Possible film nights including childrens film at Christmas in conjunction with book sale and Santas grotto.
- g. Asked for laminator. RH reported that the Heritage Centre had one which was hardly used and would discuss with the committee the possibility of keeping it at the Library.
- h. Possibility of holding a Job Club in conjunction with the group from Axminster which would encourage a different demographic group into the Library.

8. Children’s activities

Covered by above items but MH is very pleased with the number of children attending the Library.

9. Events

Ann Widdecombe

JF reported she was very pleased with the way the event went and that £1,350 profit. Thanks to all the members of the committee who helped make this such a success. Also thanks to the Heritage Tea Rooms for the ticket sales and Jean Hutton or providing the flower arrangement.

JD thanked JF for all the excellent work which made it a very successful event

Possible future events

JF has contacted Alan Titchmarsh’s agent who said he wasn’t available until 2016 but will contact them again to find out costs etc. Will also explore the possibility of talks from Hilary Mantell and Michael Morpurgo who live locally.

It was also proposed that Neville Salisbury Rood come and talk on what the CAB has to offer.

10. Newsletter

No Newsletter is proposed at the moment but MH suggested with photocopy the Town Diary and display at the Library.

11. A.O.B

No other business.

12. Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th October, 12.30 in Library

