

# Friends of Colyton Library

## Minutes of committee meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October

### 1. Apologies: MM, RM, SW

Present : JD, DD, JF, MH, RH, AK, JU

### 2. Minutes of 19.8.14 : accepted

### 3. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

**Town Diary in Library** : producing a printed diary at the library may reduce subscriptions to C&C (as many buy it for the diary). However, a copy has long been available in the church porch.

**Laminator** : RH – a laminator is available to borrow from the Heritage Centre, plastic stock used to be replaced. DD – we need one for the library, available for public use. DD and MH will investigate (not cheap one from Tesco or Wilkinson).

**Booking the library, publicity, key** : DD has printed booking forms, to be left in the library. Key to be collected from The Little Shop in working hours, to be returned through the library letter box if out of hours.

**Extra sign** : SW has costed a sign at £25 max., to go on the wall facing Hillhead. It was agreed to go ahead.

### 4. Update on DCC consultation re future of Devon Library Service and implications for Colyton : RH circulated copies of the forthcoming notes in November's C&C.

DLS have already eliminated some levels of management. A single council accountant will replace the current team. Formation of a mutual society would reduce business rates. DLS is looking at Suffolk as a model (30% savings). DLS decision re going mutual not likely to be before March 2015, and even then may not be acceptable to DCC. Expecting to carry on as present with savings (overall £1.5 m in the next financial year).

JD- Pilots' role will be to see what can be done locally. Selection criteria due at the end of this month. We could still become a charity if county becomes a mutual – advantageous if money raised (lottery, patrons) is seen to be for Colyton, not Devon.

RH - We have to sort out our basis for negotiations, to be approved by Colyton population at a town meeting. Savings on maintenance may be reduced by penalties incurred through breaking contracts. A meeting of Friends and Volunteers needs to be set up in late November.

### 5. Treasurer's report : AK - current balance £4325.07

### 6. Membership Secretary's report : JF – no change. 90 members, with 2 recently rejoined.

RH – In anticipation of forthcoming changes, need to expand membership. If more than 100, will impress DLS and form a base for 100 Club.

DD – a poster and application forms are needed. More space for Friends notices needs to be allocated in the library.

### 7. Library extra: nothing to report. JU to provide cake for November coffee morning.

### 8. Report from Librarian and update on previous plans:

1. We are now on Facebook and Twitter. I understand if people don't want to have a Facebook account but so many people take it as a given that this is how information will be transmitted now

that I feel we ought to try. It does need some attention pictures wise which I am aware of.

If you put [www.facebook.com/colytonlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/colytonlibrary) into the address bar it should take you straight there and there is no need to sign up to Facebook. You won't be able to post but you will be able to see. I am aware that it needs some attention.

Our Twitter is @ColytonLibrary

2. We have sent 60 paperbacks away so things have freed up a bit. I am loth to get it down to get it down to just the spinners as that won't be very many.

3. Weeding is a "Forth Bridge" type job but we plod on. We are getting new stock on a drip feed and we refresh things with swaps with other libraries.

4. Please can all posters come through the desk so that there is a coherent policy. This is that we can only display Colyton/Colyford non-profit posters on the window. (As an aside for the future a notice board with a key outside could be investigated as stuff on the windows isn't ideal). Other items can be displayed in the folder and we'll split them into programmes and community events.

5. The computers have been upgraded and are running better.

6. Bounce and Rhyme is not going well. We have only had one person for the past two weeks. It will not run this week as Frances from Honiton is there. We will continue to offer it but with low expectations. A lady has come forward who is getting a DRB check with an interest in children's activities.

7. Rebecca has now left and I am doing all Saturdays for the foreseeable future but hope to have some cover from Seaton when they are trained.

8. The primary school has expressed an interest in coming down in classes after half term.

9. We have had to cancel the film at Christmas because of cost but we will hopefully be doing a Christmas crafts/party in association with the church on 20<sup>th</sup> December. This will be held in the library.

In addition : Theatre group will not be coming back, and did not leave a donation.

DD has provided 2 new collection boxes.

Following a recent incident, volunteers need to know the procedure in the event of the fire alarm going off, to be displayed on the wall.

After some uncertainty, it was established that reservations should be paid for.

**9. Children's activities :** nothing to report

**10. Events :** JF and DD still in the early stages of planning.

**11. Newsletter :** To be combined with invitation to Friends and Volunteers event.  
JD and RH to organise . Methodist Hall?

**12. AOB :** WiFi is going to be installed by DLS in all libraries currently without it.

JD to ask MM who owns the underused British Legion notice boards.

**13. Date of next meeting :** 4.11.14 as planned. **In library**