

Minutes of meeting of FoCL committee, Tuesday February 12, 2019 at 12.30pm – 1.30 pm

1. **Present:** SB,JB,JD , MM,RM,RO'M,JS,JU,SW

2. **Minutes of meeting of 11.12.18 – correction -item 6 (typo) and item 8** Gilly King, not Ford

3. **Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda:** JS – see item 9

4. **Treasurer's report, including**

- **Accounts - SW:** Copies were circulated. SB queried why 2017 Events net appeared as 0; it has been included in the total. Current balance is £13,455.77. The recently received bill for £50 for CTH November still to be paid. JD pointed out that a substantial reserve is needed, especially as large electricity bills are outstanding. John Buse has recommended keeping a contingency fund of £10,000 minimum. Annual running costs have been estimated at about £2,000. SW suggested group rentals need tidying up as there are discrepancies between groups. JD stated that the Charity and Gift-Aid details, currently still registered with the late Roger Hutton, need sorting. Gift-Aid is to be encouraged at the AGM when some Friends' information needs to be updated.
- **Electricity supply and usage:** N-power have sent incorrect bills, revised version awaited. To date, only one (small) bill has been paid, though we have held responsibility since April. The meter appears to whizz round clocking thousands of units per week – meter needs to be checked. Until the bill is sorted out, MM will not apply for solar panel reduction, it will be dealt with retrospectively.
- SW was thanked for her sterling work.

5. **Membership secretary report:** SW - in 2018 there were 82 Friends. So far 19 subs have been received for 2019, the bulk will be paid at the AGM.

6. **Solar Panels – MM:** see item 5

7. **Events**

- **Gig:** RO'M – Ida and Declan Duffy will perform on 28th February at 7pm. Free entry, refreshments available – request for cakes. SB to let Friends know.
- **AGM – planning:** RM has booked the hall. Catering – SB will ask Catherine Heap and JS will ask Jean Hutton. Cakes have been volunteered by JB.JU.SW, Money and updated information to be taken by JB,JU,SW,and Pam McCleneghen. RM will do the printing. SB to notify Friends at once and send 2018 Minutes, JU to e-mail 2018 Minutes to RM and SB. JD to compose Annual Report. Entertainment – Gilly King will perform for about 10 minutes – RM to discuss with her arrangements for delivering equipment. David Clarke to conclude as usual. In her address, JD intends to pay tribute to Roger, and queried whether a minute's silence would be appropriate – JS to ask Jean 's preference. JD will also point out that there is a vacancy on the committee

FoCL celebration – paper by JS for discussion: JS had met with SB and JB to discuss getting more young people on board. The Youth Club is currently closed. SB observed that some Colyton youth attend Seaton Library's teen club, run by Skevoula – SB,JB and JS will meet with her. JS had circulated a paper re a proposed art project to improve the WiFi bench area. SB offered that events other than art were being considered. The PC are in favour, as is the Fish and Chip man and the Youth Service. Certain redundant notice boards could be removed, and the train timetable moved,

leaving 2 battens upon which to mount the proposed artwork. JS envisages 2 workshops being held – for community awareness and with a community artist. An incentive (pizza ?) will be required to draw youth in. Funding will be required – possible sources suggested include the Feoffees, NCS, Colyford Goose Fair, PC, Youth Enterprise. JD will put JS in touch with the church youth worker. RO'M will contact LU HR re enabling DBS checks. JB'S query re a dog waste bin was answered by Street Scene's policy of any waste bin being used for such deposits (ugh!) MM suggested multiple artworks could be scanned and printed on vinyl and that sponsorship might be available. The sub-committee will meet again in the near future.

- **Ann Widdecombe** – booked for Thursday May 21st afternoon. No charge, and 25% from book sales
- **Future events** JD – a local author may provide a book launch, details pending.
SB – considering another outing, possibly to Coleton Fishacre and Dartmouth.

8. Librarian report : JS pointed out that certain school children use the library printer for their homework, and asked if the cost of 10p per sheet could be subsidised. After some discussion it was decided to accept RO'M's suggestion to set up a donation jar for 10 ps which children may access. RO'M – last month's ActiveLife/Active Mind was not well supported, but the 4 attendees at the craft session will continue to meet monthly. Donations of spare sewing kit will be welcomed. The 4 Chrome book laptops from Seaton will be brought once a month for a coding club, to be promoted in schools and via social media.

9. Volunteer matters - SB/RO'M

- **refresher session** – was well received; notes re photocopying and screenshots will be forthcoming.
- Graham Jones has stepped down. 2 new arrivals Jacqueline Moore and Rosemary Owen may be interested in children's activities.

10. Building matters

- **Skylight** pending
- **Rentokil** MM – as the first visit on the new contract, Graham Pidgeon from SW Pest Control Service (07767 358986) came in last week, smelled rats' presence and installed a smell absorber. Jane Preece had suggested a sound emitting deterrent, but MM informed they do not work for rats.

11. Coly Times - JS

12. Website updating – JD pending

13. AoB MM has agreed to be emergency contact for the library. RO'M to reciprocate.

14. Date of next meeting _ Tuesday 23rd April 12.30

Volunteer hours 7x 1 hr 20 mins = 9hours 20 minutes

