

Stirchley, the Way Forward
Minutes of A.G.M. 29th March 2018

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If there are any objections then please make them known before or at the next meeting where they can be rectified.

In attendance: Susan, Sue, Su, Phoebe, Rose, Margaret, Linda, Councillor Mary Locke, Joe, Ryan, Chris, Stu, Brian, Danni
Susan Chaired the Meeting.
Minutes: Chris

1. Apologies: Emma Ashton, Kerry Leslie, Natrulique, Karen Cheney, Owen Williams, Doug Lee, Graham Firth, Roger Peach, Loaf, Lisa Girling, Ian Steadman

2. Minutes of the last meeting
The minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising

Mary Locke has spoken to Seven Capital and they have met with M.P. Steve McCabe, but the council is not aware of what their plans are or the timescale is for the site. Mary will report back when she has more information.

We discussed the ongoing section 106 money situation. STWF has made an application form for local groups and individuals to use. We propose that STWF acts as a conduit for the money from the council, and that applications come via us. If you would like to know more or to receive a form please contact Chris on c.tomlinsonfreelance@gmail.com

The council (G. Hussain) reposed to the petition for building a car park in Stirchley by saying that whilst they wouldn't be doing that, they are now aware of the desire for one and would convey that to Seven Capital with the hope they could incorporate it in their plans.

4. Treasurer's annual report

On March 31st 2017 the bank balance was £930.60.

Payments out: £2,888.38

Payments in: £3072.47

Balance 20th March 2018: £1114.69

We made £1,131.00 surplus from the 2017 fete and £524.70 from the 2017 Xmas party.

All funds are used to benefit the community for future events.

We received £950 from advertising and made donations of £334, including a donation of £150 to Stirchley Primary School for the School Friendship Zone.

5. Proposal and votes for administrators

Susan MacLean, Sue Fellows, Lisa Girling and Chris Tomlinson were all unanimously voted to continue being the administrators of Stirchley, the Way Forward until the next AGM. Anyone who wants to join the administrators should get in touch, as more help would be welcome.

6. Stirchley in Bloom

Stu summarised the project for us. We have funding of £300 from the Neighbourhoods and Communities fund. Nicky from Umberslade Nursery has agreed to supply local traders and residents with hanging baskets. The cost per basket is £10 which will be split between the individual and STWF's funding. Thirty five baskets had been ordered, with a further ten for the British Oak. The remainder of the grant will be spent plants and towards the cost of repairing the street planters already in Stirchley.

Susan stated we considered entering Britain in Bloom, but perhaps that can wait another year when we have made more progress. As it is this is a good exercise in bringing the community together.

Su told us the Stirchley Community Group is organising a walk of guerrilla gardening sites in Stirchley, and suggested that any money left over could be used for seeds for more planting. Su will contact Felipe to keep him informed on what's going on, as he is interested in this kind of project.

Sue told us that the Church of the Ascension on Pineapple Road is installing planters.

7. Summer fete

The fete will be on 3rd June 12 noon until 5pm in Stirchley Baths. We will need volunteers to set up and help out on the day.

Danni offered to steward, Stirchley Community Group and Mary Locke will be there.

8. Any other Business

Danni told us about this year's Big Bake, which will be taking place in the Baths on Saturday 14th April from 12:30- 5pm. There will be a bake competition, tombola, children's activities and a giant cake in reception, which could be used for Stirchley in Bloom too.

Last year £1,400 was raised for various homeless charities on the day.

Danni is looking for donations of goods and services for the raffle. Five more volunteers are also needed for the day. **Please would you contact Danni at Stirchley Baths, if you would like to volunteer?**

Stirchley Community Group's AGM is coming up. They will publicise the details when they have set them.

Joe introduced himself as the new manager of the British Oak, and said that

they were all keen to work with the community and support positive change in Stirchley.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday May 15th, 7pm in the Cafe area of Stirchley Baths.

Susan thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.07 p.m.