

## **Minutes of our 2018 AGM**

**held at Holy Trinity Church, Hotwell Road, Hotwells**

**7.30pm Monday 12 November 2018**

25 people attended the meeting including 4 members of the Management Committee

**Apologies** were received from Brenda McLennan, James Smith & Chris Smart

**Minutes** of the meeting 13 November 2017 were proposed for adoption by Gundule Dorey and seconded by Anna Wilson

**Chairman's Report.** Welcome was given to all. Dennis proffered thanks to the Committee members. In particular to Brenda for her continued support as Treasurer and to Anna who leaves the Committee after some 6 years and a huge amount of work for the community and the CA. She will be continuing to work with us. Thanks also recorded to those who manage the noticeboards, an important part of communicating with our community.

Congratulations to all those who had brightened our area and been awarded various certificates by Bristol in Bloom and other bodies. Certificates were on display for all to admire.

Dennis confirmed that there is still a chance of money from the Council under the new arrangements that have superseded the Neighbourhood Partnerships. All were encouraged to bring ideas forward for projects that could enhance the neighbourhood. HCCA would assist in trying to progress projects through the new Area system.

Dennis mentioned the two open events of the year. The Somali evening in May, with about 60 people snacking and learning together about this large community in Bristol and the visit to Thomas Ware tannery on Coronation Rd. A glimpse of Victorian industrial systems and environment still producing first class leather mostly for export. HCCA plan to do some more events like this in 2019 and ideas were invited from those present.

Dennis reported on the substantial legacy from Ray Smith's estate of £24,814, a small amount of which has been committed to the Piazza. HCCA will be going out to consultation on options for further improvements on the Piazza and welcomed ideas from anyone.

Dennis then returned to the issue of volunteers for the Committee, pointing out that next year the Committee would only have 4 people actually living in the parish. This is not to diminish the work that those outside do, but rather to emphasize the need for more help from those local to the area. Plea was made for everyone to assist in thinking of people who might join the committee.

## **Short Reports**

*Anna Wilson – Piazza.* Opportunities from Ray's legacy and from historical S106 monies. Challenges have included a tagging epidemic, which repainting seems to have halted for now. The dry weather which caused us to hire a standpipe for the first time and rubbish (and worse). Currently trying to get a working understanding with Bristol Waste.

Very positive partnerships have included; Collaborative Painting UK who came and painted new murals in May, Amy Hutchings who worked with Anna and children from Hotwells Primary to create a mural of their drawings and also a collaboration to paint some "Women of Hotwells". Also the collaboration with Zoe Smith and live Graft to further landscape and green the site. for more see <http://artundertheflyover.com>

*Carol Lilwall – Cliftonwood Town Green.* Community events have continued on the Town Green throughout the year at regular intervals, despite the erection of a high security fence across the garden since June. This is a safety measure whilst the University stabilises the land behind their boundary wall. Despite this events have been well attended with an estimate of over 100 for Halloween night. The Town Green achieved an Outstanding Award from RHS Its Your Neighbourhood, judged before the fence was erected. BRISTOL in Bloom awarded Gold for Town Green and Community. This is the final year of Bristol in Bloom awards due to withdrawal of council funding.

*Heather Watts – Jacob's Well Hub.* Heather circulated details of the activities of the Hub with highlights of the last few years. JWHub now have license to occupy space in the baths till Sept. 2021. The Hub space is available for others to use. See <http://jacobswellscommunityhub.com/>

*Richard Hancock – Transition.* As in previous years the Transition Group has been supporting the move to a more sustainable way of life. Things are moving in the right direction, but need to move faster. Change comes at the personal level (purchasing electricity generated from renewables, recycling, including food recycling, etc) and the public level - pressing local and national government for responsible policies. A successful rally on College Green in September, reported on BBC Points West, and further activity in support of the "Climate Emergency" motion going to Council. People could keep in touch with activities via the mailing list.

*Dennis Gornall – Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group (CBSG)* Started as a result of the Mayor's speech Nov 2017, re developments of the "Western Harbour". Well attended public meeting April was followed by first meeting of the Group. Met with Officers of the Mayor's office. Intend to ensure we gain community involvement as per the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. Further communication with the Mayor is in preparation. The Group will try and keep good communication with the Community through the bulletin and website.

*Bill Venables – Hotwells and Cliftonwood Clean Air Community Group (HCCACG)* Set up with HCCA support to give voice to residents about how to tackle air pollution in the city, and in particular, in Hotwells and Cliftonwood. Hotwell road and Jacob's Well Road regularly exceed recognized limits for pollution. Air pollution is being made progressively worse now with the spread of open fire and stove burning. First move is a public meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November, then the group, which it is hoped to form

after the meeting, might consider, lobbying the Council, supporting a clean air zone, promoting awareness, encouraging cleaner transport habits and reduction of domestic burning of fossil fuels.

### **Treasurer's Report. (written by Brenda McLennan and delivered by Dennis Gornall)**

Incoming resources for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 totalled £6415 with expenditure of £14512. So net expenditure for the year was £8097. Total funds held in cash at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were £18k, down from £26k at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. At the end of March, we had £17683 in unrestricted cash. Unrestricted income included:

- £854 net from the 500 Club, after monthly prizes were paid
- £90 from notice board advertising

We spent £1450 on website and £1872 on maintaining and replacing boards and £482 on newsletters.

Restricted activity included:

- Peaceful Portway - We received £2313 and HCCA transferred £700 to help the project. At 31.03.18 we are holding £684 towards the next time.
- We received £2500 from Bristol City Council for the Pocket Park and Piazza projects. We spent £5195, leaving a deficit of £2420. Some of this was spent in anticipation of Ray's legacy.
- At 31 March 2018 we were holding £873 for the Argyle Place playground fund. During the year this group had another successful open air cinema screening.
- We are also holding £852 for the Ambra Vale gardening group who also had a massively successful year with their community projects.
- We are still holding £593 from the now defunct CHASE sub-group

Proposal that the accounts be accepted was made by John Bradfield and seconded by Anna Wilson

### **Election of the Management Committee:**

The following persons offered themselves for nomination to the Committee: *Dennis Gornall, Carol Lilwall, Brenda McLennan, Christine Smart, James Smith, Carol Walton and Heather Watts*

Proposed they be elected by Mike Timmins and seconded by John Bradfield and passed nem. con.

### **This ended the formal business of the meeting**

*Jane Druffus*, author of *The Women who built Bristol*, gave the meeting an informative outline of just a few of the very local characters from her book. Those mentioned were: Sylvia Crowe, Dinah Black, Ellen Craft, Mary Wollstonecraft, Mary Shelley, Eliza Dunbar Walker and Angela Carter. She then went on to mention a

couple of locals from her impending second book on the same subject, namely, Willielma Campbell, and Henrietta Hope , who donated £2,500 in 1785 to build Hope Chapel, and Nellie O'Connell. A third book was not ruled out!

### **Open Session.**

1. Mention was made of the perception that there had been no “events” on the Piazza for a few years. Suggestion was made to engage the Rose of Denmark and have a Piazza Party
2. Question was asked about the future of the Peaceful Portway events which had not happened this year. Plea was made to try and ensure at least one day of closure for pleasure even if there were not a lot of “side-shows”.