

## Friends of St George Park Meeting

Held 1-3pm, Monday 12 August 2019, Bethesda Methodist Church, 134-140 Church Rd, Bristol BS5 9RB.

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### In Attendance & Apologies for Absence

There were 7 attendees and 3 apologies. Because these minutes are available as a public document on our website, we do not list the names for privacy reasons.

### Review and Approve Previous Minutes

1. Minutes from AGM 10 August 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### Follow Up Actions in Previous Minutes

2. Action: **Secretary/Treasurer** to get an electronic copy of the form from Bristol Waste for reporting litter picks. **Carried forward.**
3. Action: **Secretary/Treasurer** purchase more high-vis jackets, litter pickers, bag rings and any other items required for health and safety. **Carried forward.**
4. Collect and bank money held by the Community Gardening group. **Done, £390.**
5. Action: **Community Garden & General Garden groups** to consider if we should apply for small grants to support gardening activity. **Done - no action currently.**
6. Action: Treasurer/Chair to update banking arrangements and processes. **In Progress.**
7. Action: Committee to consider use of unspent grant amounts. **Carried forward.**
8. Action: Treasurer to source "donation tins" which could be put out during group activities. **Carried forward.**
9. Action: **Events team** to organise, calling on other members as needed. **Done.**
10. Action: **Maggie** to contact Redfest and arrange a stall. **Done.**
11. Action: **Events team / Treasurer** to source a new portable gazebo for events. **See Redfest below.**
12. Action: **Events team** to follow up with **a member who offered their graphic skills** at the meeting to create a new logo. This could be an image of the heron? **Carried forward.**
13. Action: **Events team / Treasurer** to investigate outdoor gym equipment. **Drop for now.**
14. Action: **Chair** to follow up with **a member** who has contacts with a charity that supports this. **Awaiting response from contact.**
15. Action: Events team to coordinate actions on calendar competition **See below.**

### Recap on Redfest – any lessons or actions?

16. We collected £248 from the tombola and duck food sales. It was agreed that:

- Next time we would include the Community Gardeners
- We will buy a new portable gazebo Action: **Events team.**
- We will get a new banner for the front of the gazebo Action: **Events team.**
- We will update the trolley. Action: **Events team.**
- Plan for the next Redfest. Action: **Chair** to include this on the agenda in March 2020.
- Donate £50 to Secret World from duck food takings. Action: **Treasurer** to organise.

### Lake Project Update

17. There had been a positive recent meeting with Richard Fletcher. Andy Gordon is now the council project manager. He has submitted stage 2 CIL proposal. There may be issues with planning permission for blocking off the historical path around the lake, also need to consider what material would be suitable for the walkway. Action: **Maggie** to follow up with assistance from others as needed.

### Photo Competition

18. We will launch this immediately. The website is set up (including showing the rules) and an email address for submissions. Closing date will be end October to allow November for printing calendars to sell in December. *Action: **Nick** to promote on Facebook, **Events Team** to monitor submissions and send to Nick to be added to web page.*

### Any Other Business

19. Dogs chasing and being aggressive to pedestrians and cyclists – Nick has contacted Asher.

20. Kiosk & toilets – due to open soon. Will have a water refill point. Photo Opportunity? *Action: **Events team** follow up on duck food sales.*

21. Gardening Group:

- Operating 3-4:30 pm on Fridays
- Our bee & butterfly garden. *Action: **Stella** to follow up with Teija.*
- We don't have the people to follow up on supporting the proposed Library garden
- Need to tidy/clear shed. *Action: **Ceri/Stella** to organise for September.*
- Free council run gardening courses available – if interested, see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gardening-skills-for-volunteers-6-session-course-tickets-67751034167>
- There were two beds that needed to be rebuilt (Trevor can advise) and the central bed needs some surround to stop children climbing on it. *Action: **Nick** to contact ParkWorx.*

22. Asher was arranging a meeting with the bowling club to discuss options following recent planned council increase in fees for maintenance. *Action: **Nick** to monitor.*

23. Benches: Nick had contacted Teija about the removal of benches (including one damaged at west side of lake and one near entrance to bowling green). It was noted the benches were heavily used and the one near the bowling green had been used by Alms House residents. There were numerous historical sites (maybe as many as 20) around the park where benches had been that were now empty. It was felt that the group should push for some of these to be reinstated. *Action: **Nick** to follow up.*

24. Skatepark - positive meeting with enthusiasts about updating/refurbishing. *Action: **Nick** to follow up.*

25. Membership - recent push on Facebook only added 1 new person. *Action: **Nick** to follow up.*

26. H&S training – request for anyone who can to go on free council health and safety courses dates 10 Sept (Nick going) and 5 Oct. Contact Nick or look on Eventbrite if interested.

27. Bank mandates - covered in point 6 above.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be 1-3pm, 14 October at Bethesda Hall.

Minutes Agreed & Approved:

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