

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD,

Meeting of 3rd March 2019

Present: Dave Brookes, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Nicola Combe, Clare Gould, Martin Luke, Frances Tordoff

Apologies: Gillian Allen

Minutes of previous meeting: These were approved.

Matters arising:

No quotes for timber yet.

Ian Proctor collected most of the decking boards to make nesting rigs for ducks on Fairfield. Martin will take the remainder to the allotments.

Recent Developments:

Three tents appeared on the Triangle when the Christchurch shelter was closed. These have now been abandoned. They were loaned to rough sleepers by The Olive Branch. Mike has put them in the workshop and will take them down to the Olive Branch next Wednesday.

Summer Fair:

The date for the fair has been changed to 6th July 2019 so is now a Summer rather than Spring Fair.

The logistics for the barbecue were discussed. Duncan and Liz used to run this but are moving so will not be available. They have left the barbecue equipment for us to use.

We will need to work out quantities of burgers, buns etc to be purchased and will also need freezer space to store them before the fair. Dave will speak to Duncan about this. Nicola and Frances are happy to help out flipping burgers on the day but we will hopefully have another volunteer to take charge. Dave to make enquiries.

Tim will be doing an ice cream stall.

We need to organise flyers in advance to advertise the date and request donations of cakes, plants and items for the tombola.

Clare pointed out that the change of date will affect the plants available for the plant stall. Cut flowers were also suggested.

Donations

Nicola has started a business drawing up wills and power-of-attorney. She is giving donations from profits to a number of organisations including Friends of the Triangle where referrals have been made to her.

Jane gave a talk about the canal at St Thomas's Church. She received a small payment for this. Ten pounds of it will be donated to the Triangle and the rest will be split between the two museums from which she sourced material for the talk.

Canal Bicentenary:

Dave went to a meeting about this at the Galgate Marina. The Canal & River Trust would like to hold an event on the Triangle on the 23rd June 2019 including stalls plus activities such as angling and canoeing.

We have commissioned a canal themed pop-up art exhibition for the bicentenary which will be over the late August Bank holiday.

25 new milestones are to be installed along the canal by the Canal & River Trust. One of these will be at the bottom of the ramp to the Water Witch.

Outstanding Jobs:

The barrels need sealing.

The cherry tree needs moving.

Dave will speak to the plumber about getting the pump sorted out.

Dave will get prices for timber.

The workshop needs clearing some more.

Jim's Rose:

Nicola has purchased a yellow rose to be planted in memory of Jim. This will take place at 2pm on 23rd March 2019.

Next Volunteer Session: This will take place between 10 and 12 am on Sunday 10th March 2019.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be held at 61 Regent Street on 29th April 2019 at 7.30 pm.