

## EXETER ST JAMES FORUM

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017 AT ST SIDWELL'S SCHOOL, EXETER

Robyn Connett took the Chair

Present: Those signing the attendance list

Apologies: Attached

1. **Minutes of the AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016**

Having been circulated these were approved as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising**

None that did not appear elsewhere on the Agenda

3. **Steering Group Report 2016 – 2017**

Having been circulated, the Acting Chair was invited to speak to her report (attached)

Highlighting the work of the Steering Group, she specifically thanked Cllr Jill Owen for her support. Reporting on the work undertaken to prepare a new Constitution for approval, defending the Neighbourhood Plan and the donations raised for the legal fund. Commenting on the future challenges to be faced by studentification and the vigilance exercised by Residents' Associations (RA's) and SG in monitoring planning applications.

Of particular importance was the Queen's Crescent Garden Project (QCG) and the ongoing negotiations between ECC and the Exeter St James Community Trust (ESJCT).

Reference was also made to the hoped for St James Vegetable Garden Project (ESJVG); St James Station Project, the Heritage project, Assets of Community Value and the on-going difficulties in enforcing the protocol to declutter the area of "to let" and "let by" signs.

The report contained information about working with the Exeter Community Forum, the ESJCT and the University.

She thanked the City and County Councillors for their support and reported on the 2016 Have Your Say Meeting and on-going work on Residents' Parking issues reported to RA's and ESJF.

Finally, she reported on the work being undertaken with respect to the website, thanked all those who were involved with the production of About St James, particularly Gaynor Carr and invited members to become actively involved with the work of the Forum.

4. **Treasurer's report for period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

The Treasurer spoke to the written reports (attached). These included details of the QCG and ESJVG accounts. Thanks were recorded to both City and County Councillors for financial assistance through community grants.

5. **Constitution**

The Draft Constitution having been circulated. There was a brief introduction and members were invited to comment. Following a short discussion the Constitution (attached) was approved without dissent.

6. **Motions**

None had been received

7. **Election of Steering Group**

(a) Chair: One nomination had been received in the name of Anne Jobson and she was declared elected

(b) Treasurer: One nomination had been received in the name of Annette Plaut and she was declared elected

(c) Minute Secretary: One nomination had been received in the name of David Treharne and he was declared elected

(d) Membership Secretary: No nominations had been received and was left vacant, it being agreed that SG would make an appointment to fill the vacancy if a volunteer could be found.

(e) 5 members of SG: Nominations had been received in the names of Susie Bower; Gaynor Carr; Robyn Connett, Paul Layton; Dan Maxwell who were all declared duly elected.

8. **Any Other Business**

Anne Jobson proposed a Vote of Thanks to Robyn Connett and this was agreed with acclamation

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

## List of Apologies

Sue Bosley,

Di Boston,

Gaynor Carr,

Maggie Cartridge,

Andrew Connett.

Lesley Curd,

Cliff and Rita Dampney,

Jonathan Dawson,

Jo Hawkins,

Bernice Hoskins,

Kai Kin and Judie Yung,