

Clifton Village Community Association Meeting

Monday 7th February 2022

7.30pm – The Black Horse

Present: Andrew Russell, Allison Rushton, Jason Carlton, Graham Ward, Caroline Savage, Rev. Paul Webb, Rachel Wilkie, Sallie Priestley, Adrian Frearson, Gail Lawrie, Janet Stanley

Apologies: David Smith, Margaret Newton, John Newton, Chris Houlihan, Michael Cresey.

Meeting notes:

1. Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies for absence as listed above.

3. Brief updates:

- Christmas – Calendars: Agreed to miss a year and consider again next December. Raised £500 profit but a lot of time and effort for the profit in comparison with eg Christmas tree sales. Jason has created an excellent way of getting entries/payments in for many events. Also, any photos can now be self- up-loading on the website.

Christmas trees were successful again, approx. £470 profit, trees of excellent quality.

Christmas banner was put up on the railings and is now in Graham Ward's garage for storage. (Rachel commented that the Pumpkins and Halloween windows was cost-effective but Rachel confirmed she will not organise the Pumpkins again due to the unpleasant attitude of a very small minority on the Clifton WhatsApp).

- Platinum Jubilee – Saturday 4th June. Proms on the Park with Clifton and Lightcliffe Band (time tbc but probably 5pm). No other event due to this being the Brighthouse 1940s weekend. People to bring own picnics/food (no barbeques). Park to be decorated with bunting. Flags to wave to be on sale. A small Jubilee raffle suggested to take place. Graham said we need to consider a sound system to ensure everyone can hear. This would be a free event for the village but charges at the bar (for profit) would apply.

We need an engraved Platinum Jubilee stone for the 'Stones' garden.

Marquees are 6m x6m - £450, 9mx9m - £650, larger size agreed. Separate marque (available within the team) for the bar. Staging costs £290.

Toilets also will be needed. Rachel to talk to Michael Cresey re booking

Rachel suggested we encourage the village to decorate their homes/gardens.

Graham Ward will ask Ed Spivey re bunting

- Scarecrow Festival -- Discussed timing as a lot of people not available on the proposed 8/9/10/11 September. Agreed Rachel will contact team with proposal to amend to 15/16/17/18 September (This was later agreed among the Scarecrow Committee and confirmed the following day after the meeting – please put in your calendars).

Scarecrow theme is BBC Centenary – lots of scope.

- Park – Janet currently applying to National Lottery for grant for basket swing – final item agreed by the village on original survey. Janet had been approached by a member of the village about a small bike track after lots of discussion and investigation Janet reported to the resident it would cost between £15-30,000. Obviously not being considered.

Clifton WhatsApp fundraising – Gail confirmed no items currently on Facebook Marketplace but a good sum of money has been raised. This led to conversation re growing group of negative people on the WhatsApp group. Adam Gray is the only admin. person. Jason suggested putting a specific Q&A section on the website re Clifton WhatsApp usage, but the WhatsApp is not run by CVCA. It was felt that Adam could just cut out offensive users if messages were inappropriate eg offensive language, negative comments re CVCA fundraising. Andrew agreed he would approach Adam to see if he wants support and suggest comments for a 'guidelines re behaviour' reminder to all.

Bulb planting on park – we ran out of time and will wait for October 2022.

Rev Paul Webb suggested a run/walk for children, adults, pushchairs, starting and finishing at the park. Needs to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting and a proposal put out.

Discussion re Gail's fundraising proposal for Mothers' Day – Agreed Sat 26th March. Janet to approach St John's Church as a venue. Afternoon tea, sale of tickets, need to know how many, who can help etc. Bunch of daffodils for all mums. Andrew volunteered the function room as an alternative, if available. Discussed possible clash with Methodists' Saturday charity fundraisers. The next one is last Saturday in February, having held one on the last Saturday in January. Janet to contact Richard Burkinshaw and Rev David Briggs at the Methodist to confirm the date.

Jason updated the meeting on the Forum. The final meeting date was 11th January. The Friday before the final hearings, the Forum barristers discovered that the funding mechanism that Calderdale had proposed was illegal (the roof tax). Because of this, further work was required and additional costs have been incurred, [REDACTED] needed. There will be no more hearings and we should hear the outcome from the Inspector within a few weeks. Jason also gave brief update on the work of the Brighouse Town Board (as he is a member). This is separate from the Brighouse Bid (supporting Brighouse businesses).

4. Financial situation. The 2021 Charity Return has been completed.

5. Andrew has not yet seen his accountant but will discuss the Gift Aid situation with him when he does

6. Amazon Smile - agreed not to pursue this.

7. Future events. National Spring Clean Week is 25/3/22 to 10/04/22. The Councillors usually organise this so we will wait to hear from them but will support as needed.

8. AOB

- Richard Burkinshaw has suggested an item for future discussion – setting up a Clifton Post Office.

- Andrew thanked everyone for attending

9. Date and time of next meeting – Monday, 4th April 7.30pm 2022 at The Black Horse