



Clifton Village Community Association Meeting

Monday, 13th November 2023

7.30pm – The Black Horse.

Present: Jason Carlton (Chair), Councillor Howard Blagbrough, Councillor Brenda Monteith, Graham Ward, Chris Houlihan, Janet Stanley.

Apologies: Andrew Russell, Allison Rushton, Councillor Tina Benton, Rachel Wilkie, Caroline Savage, Rev Paul Webb, Gill Poole, Christine Ogden, Jim Ogden, Michael Cresey, Gill Poole, Sallie Priestley.

Meeting notes:

1. Jason welcomed everyone to the CVCA meeting.
2. Apologies for absence as listed above.
3. Notes from last meeting 27.03.2023 – incorrect information re Chris Houlihan being noted as a seconder for Michael Cresey's nomination as Treasurer (apologies to Councillor Blagbrough who actually seconded the nomination) and to Chris Houlihan who proposed Graham Ward as President. Notes with amendment, agreed as correct. Proposed: Graham Ward, Seconded: Councillor Blagbrough.
4. Brief updates/discussions:

Accounts information 01.06.22 – 23.05.23

Michael has spoken to Janet re the point about annual accounts in the last meeting notes. Michael will have the 2022/2023 accounts completed soon. Jason recorded his thanks to Michael for all his work ensuring the accounts are accurate and up to date. The deadline for sending the 2022/2023 accounts to the Charity Commission is 31.03.2024.

Clifton Festival 2024

Plans are on-going. Date confirmed as Thursday 4th July to Sunday 7th July.

Kiosk/Defibrillator

No more issues of vandalism reported. The kiosk is being well used by the community. There are a lot of books and there is a lot of local information. Jason thanked Sallie for maintaining the kiosk and Allison for the paint repair after the fire. Has the final painting noted in last minutes been completed now? Andrew confirmed at the last meeting that new pads had been ordered for the defibrillator – has Andrew been re-imbursed for the pads and have they been installed?

Park garden

Janet, Amy and Sallie need to meet to discuss further progress with this project.

Memorial Garden bench

A lot of progress has been made, mainly thanks to Amy. The three benches (£606 each) are ordered and it is hoped they will be installed by Christmas. Janet to ask Amy for the invoice for all three.



Paying for Michael Sharp's bench for Margaret Sharp will save Michael the VAT. Michael will then donate the £606 to the CVCA and CVCA will be able to claim gift aid on the donation. The original benches will be removed to the Cemetery. Janet with help from Val Smith and Graham Ward (re Charlie Ingle) and Michael Sharp have been working on wording for the plaques. Jason suggested a small service for blessing the benches, Janet to discuss with Michael, Val and Rev David Briggs

Clifton Community Suite

A discussion was held on the current situation – refer to Secretary or Chair for further details.

Gift Aid

Janet reported 2022/23 has yet to be completed at any point before 31.03 2024

Ward Forum Grant

CVCA can apply prior to March 31st 2024 for the £500 grant, we have not yet applied for one this financial year.

5. Remembrance Service

Chris Houlihan recorded his thanks for the service on Sunday 12.11.23. He felt it went well and there was a good turnout. Chris said next year 2025 will be 110 years of the start of the conflict in 1914 and we need to bear that in mind when planning the event.

Councillor Blagbrough offered to help Chris with a laminator and laminating pouches for provision of photos of Clifton men to hang on the railings.

To be added as an agenda item in March/April 2024.

CVCA to send note of thanks to Rev. David Briggs.

6. Village activities

St. John's church wreath making, Sat 25th Nov – tickets sold out

Methodist Church Art display and craft stall Saturday 9th December 10.30 – 1pm (refreshments on sale).

No details yet available of Christmas services.

7. PTA

Maisy from PTA did arrive after the CVCA meeting had closed. She had been at a meeting of the PTA. Jason, Graham W and Janet had a chat with her. CVCA members present were committed to offering some financial support when their project has definite plans. The PTA is planning to renovate a garden area behind the school to make it into a Forest School / outdoor learning space. A survey completed by parents/carers suggested disappointment with current outdoor play space. They are doing a lot of fundraising and applying for grants. Janet offered to help with the Ward Forum Grant and suggested the project needs a title. PTA also joined the charity Parentkind . They have applied to become a registered charity. Maisy said they are trying to plan events on a larger scale but less often. The next PTA meeting is 08.01.2024.

8. CVNF Update



A verbal update was provided. Tonny Perryman is organising a fundraising event at The Arches – meal with entertainment, £30 per head, Saturday, 13th January 2024. Various community groups are involved in the fundraising, Woodhouse, Greetland and Stainland, Shelf and Northowram. It is not just up to Clifton to raise the remaining £20K.

9. AOB.

The possibility of another defibrillator in the village was discussed. Graham Ward said Roger Bailey at Heartbeat would be the contact. It was agreed Janet and Graham W would call to see Tom about having the third defibrillator outside the Armytage. Sizzling pubs may provide a donation towards one. Ian Lawrie had previously said that there is a new wall housing unit available at Clifton Rangers.

Chris Houlihan suggested, due to lack of space, relocating the stones in the 'Stones Garden' to the garden on the park when it is complete. Graham felt that would be a lot of extra work and expense. Janet felt that space could be made available in the park garden when the 'Stones Garden' becomes full. There is currently space for one further stone in the current garden (which is also the site of the Clifton well).

10. Date and time of next meeting – Monday, 15th January 2024.