



## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2021**

**Monday 27th September 2021 8pm**

**By ZOOM**

### **1. Attendees**

- John Turner (Chair)
- Michelle Anderson (Vice Chair)
- Liz Perrins (Secretary)
- Abi Wilson (Treasurer)
- Steve Day (Activities Officer)
- Steve Daniels (Infrastructure Officer)
- Pete Allchorne (Licencing Officer)
- Sarah Edwards (Publicity Officer)
- Naomi Sharp (Lay Pastor, The Bristol & South Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit)
- Kathryn Hopes
- Fred Smith (Bethesda church representative)
- Brian Serjent (All Saints church representative and PC representative)
- Holly Moller (Contextual student, at Fromside Benefice)

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

None received

### **3. Introduction**

The Chair introduced the committee to new faces that had joined via zoom. He thanked all attendees at this 'virtual' AGM.

### **4. Minutes of the 2020 AGM and any outstanding actions**

#### **Actions:**

The All-Saints Church representatives' position has been vacant as Brian decided last year to stand down and Father Bob has since left the Diocese. Holly Moller will be joining us as the representative this year and introduced herself. She is looking forward to being part of the committee and the carnival celebrations.

Abi confirmed that £400 has been donated to the relevant charities Brace, SAFA, Trussell Trust and Mind.

### Minutes:

These have been made available on the Carnival Website

<https://secureservercdn.net/160.153.138.177/xki.912.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Minutes-of-the-AGM-2020-Final.pdf>

The Chair asked if anybody had any comments on the 2020 AGM minutes. No comments were forthcoming so the Chair proposed that they should be signed as a true record of the meeting. **Agreed by the meeting.**

### 5. Chairman's report for 2021

Although no carnival took place in 2020 everyone on the committee has continued to work hard on planning for future events. Particular mention went to Steve Daniels tremendous effort with the History trail which many enjoyed around the village and to Sarah Edwards for creating and running the carnival virtual fair. Both events have helped to keep the carnival current, raise our profile locally and raise funds for the charities.

Liz raised the Chatty bench which is an ongoing project which will be a welcome place for people to have a chat in the village. The Parish council are on board with this as a joint project but the Carnival will lead this and a group will clear the site and put in place the bench and plaque. **Action: John will speak to Richard Climmer about location of the bench and the number of plaques.**

### 6. Treasurer's report for 2021

The accounts have been loaded onto the Carnival Website here:

<https://secureservercdn.net/160.153.138.177/xki.912.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Carnival-Accounts-2021.pdf>

The Treasurer took the meeting through the accounts, main points being:

- The accounts have been examined by Keith Middleton who found them to be correct.
- From 2020 we have carried over roughly £6000
- £470 was raised by the virtual fair and history trail
- Expenditure – some Grant money has been returned to UWE as not all was needed due to no carnival. With the rest new items for the infrastrucre of the carnival have been purchased including a marquee, reusable cups and bins for recycling.
- £1600 has been donated to the relevant charities
- Roughly £2000 is now left in the account which is a healthy position and despite no carnivals for 2 years the charities have been supported by the carnival.
- UWE Grant - £70 left to spend – something environmentally friendly and bags for the new bins was suggested.
- VE celebration Grant – allowed to keep this grant. John needs to declare the spend to the council, will discuss this with Abi and will potentially include the website build.

- South Glos award – this also contributed to the marquee, radios and vests. John is hopeful the excess £500 can still be spent on further tables and advertising.
- Abi is keen to apply for further grants that will be available next year, South Glos Awards (£3000) and local councillor awards. John felt running costs **Action:** Abi to look back at 2019 accounts could be included in the bids.

## **7. Election of Officers for 2021**

The Chair advised the meeting that all Officers were happy to stand again. Sarah Edwards has requested a move from publicity to stalls and Liz nominated Kathryn Hopes to become the publicity officer.

### **Election of Officers for 2021-2**

- Chair – Nomination John Turner
- Vice Chair – Nomination Michelle Anderton
- Secretary – Nomination Liz Perrins
- Treasurer – Nomination Abi Wilson
- Activities – Nomination Steve Day
- Licencing – Nomination Pete Allchorne
- Publicity – Nomination Kathryn Hopes
- Stalls – Nomination Sarah Edwards
- Infrastructure – Nomination Steve Daniels

.All nominations were agreed by the Committee

### **2021/2 Officers are:**

- Chair – John Turner
- Vice Chair – Michelle Anderson
- Secretary – Liz Perrins
- Treasurer – Abi Wilson
- Activities – Steve Day
- Licencing – Pete Allchorne
- Publicity – Kathryn Hopes
- Stalls - Sarah Edwards
- Infrastructure – Steve Daniels
- All Saints Church representative – Holly Moller
- Bethesda Methodist Church representative – Fred Smith

## **8. Appointment of an Examiner of the accounts**

Nomination – Keith Middleton

The Chair has spoken to Keith Middleton and he is happy to continue as the Examiner of the WBD Carnival accounts.

## **9. Amendments to the Constitution**

No amendments to the Constitution were tabled

## **10. Donation to 2021 chosen charities**

£400 has been given to each of the four nominated charities, BRACE, SAAFA, Trussell Trust and Mind. Considering there has been no carnival the Committee felt it was good that we were able to donate £1600 to them in total.

No further donations will be made until the carnival is able to run again but the carnival will continue to support these charities in 2022.

## **11. Carnival 2022**

All agreed that a Carnival in 2022 should go ahead, restrictions for COVID allowing. This will take place on May 2nd 2022.

This will follow the normal format of Saturday for families, Sunday involving the churches and the Carnival on the Monday.

## **12. Any other business**

- John suggested a committee meeting take place back in the Methodist Church Hall, face to face. He will put this out to the wider community to join and offer any ideas.
- Kathryn suggested that we launch the Chatty Bench with a Father Christmas visit. The carnival could host Father Christmas on the bench offering small gifts to the community and show off the new Marquee.
- Naomi mentioned that a new minister will be joining the Methodist Church and will liaise with John about the Songs of Celebration service that is due to take place there in 2022.
- Holly is happy to liaise with All Saints and All Saints Church Hall as it is used a lot over the Carnival weekend.

## **Date of Next Meeting (AGM)**

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

Meeting closed 8.55pm