



Winterbourne Down Carnival AGM

Monday 23rd September 2024 - Bethesda Church Hall

Minutes of Meeting

Present:

John Turner	(Chairman)
Pete Allchorne	(Vice Chair)
Liz Perrins	(Secretary)
Abigail Wilson	(Treasurer)
Kathryn Hopes	(Publicity Officer)
Sarah Edwards	(Stalls Officer)
Charlotte Bowden	(Food and Beverage Officer)
Ben Long	(Activities Office)
Steve Daniels	(Infrastructure Officer)
Pete Allchorne	(Licensing Officer)
Karen King	(Income Generation Officer)
Fred Smith	(Bethesda church representative)
Sheila Rickard	(All Saints Church Representative)
Kate Allchorne	
Richard Boote	
Peter McBride	
Kristy Hooper	
Georgie Cavanagh	
Micheline Ponchaud	
Jen Newman	

1. Apologies for Absence

Nick Roden
Harriett and Vittorio Burgato

2. Confirmation of donations to 2024 chosen charities and Churches

£3182 SPUK
£1000 Bethesda Methodist Church
£750 All Saints Church

3. Presentation to Suicide Prevention UK

Unfortunately, Lauren wasn't able to make the AGM, but the following has been received by the committee.

On behalf of everyone at Suicide Prevention UK, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation from the funds raised at this year's carnival. Your support means so much to us, and it will go a long way in helping us continue our vital work in preventing suicide and supporting those in crisis.

The money raised will be used to support our ongoing efforts, which include operating the National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK, offering emotional support to those in need, and expanding our patrols at high-risk

locations across the country. These initiatives are crucial in ensuring that individuals at their most vulnerable moments know they are not alone and can access help.

We are always in search of volunteers to join our team. If you think you would like to be part of a welcoming and supportive group that is dedicated to preventing suicide, we would love to hear from you. Your involvement could make all the difference in someone's life.

Your kindness and the generosity of the Winterbourne Down community will undoubtedly save lives, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Kindest Regards & Best Wishes

Lauren Rolfe

Charity Administrator

4. Minutes of the 2023 AGM and any outstanding actions – see

<https://www.winterbournedowncarnival.co.uk/agm2024/>

Completed and signed

4. Chairman's report for 2024

Thanks, from John goes to all the Committee, it was a phenomenal weekend. Good weather helped for a smooth day. There was a lot of entertainment, great food outlets and a good footfall. The Carnival's relationship with the Crosshands has gone from strength to strength and this all helped on the day. At the committees wash up meeting actions going forward were noted and a record kept available for the first meeting next year.

John won't be standing as Chair this year as he found last year physically and mentally challenging. John will be available to help and guide a new Chair if they wish but they will find a wealth of experience in the officers to carry things forward.

5. Treasurer's report for 2024

Examined by Keith Middleton

He was very impressed by the organisation of the records kept.

A really successful year, good income generation before the carnival and a good income from stalls, food and repeat customers. Charging for stalls was new and worked well but this year but we should look to increase again in comparison to other events. Raffle was again successful but should look to look to open this earlier next year.

There is a larger expenditure because the Carnival is getting bigger and this needs to be reviewed. Safety expenditure has increased but is also essential. The Fairground paid in advance for the first time this year and there is now less cash on the day which aids accounting. All together, we were able to make very generous donations to the Churches and SPUK.

7. Amendments to the Constitution

- Call to AGM changed to 2 weeks
- Sustainability Officer removed, there is a combined awareness within Officer roles.
- Some amendments to duties of officers - Food and Beverage Officer and Income Officer

- Included Online meetings via Zoom or MS Teams – Stagger meetings
- Financial management – Bank Account added.

All agreed

8. Election of Officers for 2024-25

a. Chair – Nomination – Nick Roden – nominated by Kathryn Hopes as he lives in the village, recently retired, keen to put back to the community. John will make contact and hand over.

b. Vice Chair – Pete Alchorne

c. Secretary – Liz Perrins

d. Treasurer – Abi Wilson

e. Activities – Ben Long

f. Licencing – Pete Allchorne

g. Publicity – Kathryn Hopes

h. Stalls – Sarah Edwards

i. Infrastructure – Steve Daniels

j. Food and Beverages – Charlotte Bowden

k. Income Generation – Karen King

All officers happy to continue in roll.

Fred Smith – Bethesda Methodist Church rep

Sheila Rickards – All Saints Church rep

Rich Boote happy to support Steve Daniels, Pete McBride happy to help Ben Long, Kristy to support Karen and Kathryn. Jen and her husband Neil happy to help, possibly with stalls and food.

9. Appointment of an Examiner for the accounts

Nomination – Keith Middleton – happy to continue.

Fred will organise a gift to say thank you for his examining of the accounts this year.

10. Carnival 2025

a. Shall we have one – Yes!

11. AOB

- Sarah proposed a What's App Group for the committee. Liz checked everyone was happy to share phone numbers and email and all agreed.
- Fred asked for less stalls on the Methodist lawn next year as was very busy – John agreed and Liz will add to wash up notes. Completed.
- Sheila thanked the committee for the donation on behalf of All Saints.
- Pete – gave a short speech to thank John, see below

John, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you - not just on behalf of this committee but on behalf of the entire extended community who enjoy and benefit from the immense hard work and dedication that you have given to making the Winterbourne Down village carnival such a success over so many years.

I'm reliably informed that John has given some 34 years of service to the carnival - working closely with Fred for a number of years, and then taking the chair in recent years.

I think we all agree that whilst putting on the Carnival is very much a team effort, John really has put in the hard yards... spending a huge number of man hours every week - I'm sure it's felt like a full-time job!

I also wanted to recognise the circumstances in which John has steered the ship - it's testament to John's leadership that we were able to successfully navigate the Covid pandemic, when many community events fell by the wayside - never to be reignited. But reignite the carnival John did, and I'm sure you'll all agree that it has gone from strength to strength under John's leadership.

Fred was a very tough act to follow having built a fantastic community carnival out of a church fete. But change is a constant and John has done a brilliant job of keeping the ethos of our village carnival whilst injecting his own personality and new ideas.

So, John, a huge thank you from all your friends here for all that you've done for this community. Enjoy a well-earned rest but please don't be a stranger and we look forward to welcoming you to sit back and enjoy the Carnival in the years to come.

- Liz had discussed with the committee via email that this year's charity should be 'Young Lives vs Cancer', the operating name for "CLIC Sargent", to honour John's hard work for the community and carnival for so many years as it is one that his family have fund raised for many years and they have close attachments.
- Date of AGM to be agreed at the first meeting
- Ben suggested that some Carnival meetings could take place in the Cross Hands
- Date of next meeting – Liz will distribute via email once the handover of Chair has taken place.

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm