



Winterbourne Down Village Carnival AGM

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 7.30pm in Bethesda Methodist Church Hall

Present:

Nick Roden	(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)
Peter McBride	
Steve Pilgrim	
Clive Blackwell	
Sasha Griffiths	
Jess Shellard	
Warren Teague	

1. Apologies for Absence

Richard Boote
Kristy Hooper

2. Confirmation of donations to 2025 chosen Charities and Churches

£5700 Young Lives vs Cancer

£1000 Bethesda Methodist Church

£1000 All Saints Church

3. Presentation to Young Lives vs Cancer

Address by Charlotte from YLvsC

A huge thank you to all the committee for all the time, effort and planning that went into a successful carnival. Myself and Sienna's family had a great time.

I would like to share with the committee how £5700 can make a big difference. It could provide 82 nights home from home in the Clic house supporting a family whose child is undergoing treatment. Our longest family stay has been over a year. Or 223 hours with social workers. Or 11 financial hardship grants – to support families with travel, loss of income - in 2023/24 114 families applied for 276 grants. The charity receives no government funding so donations like this allow us to continue to do what we do and

families get the help they need quickly. It has been an honour and pleasure to be part of the group and to support the carnival in acknowledging John Turner and his family for their fundraising efforts over the years. Thank you again.

4. Minutes of the 2024 AGM and any outstanding actions – see

<https://www.winterbournedowncarnival.co.uk/agm2025/>

Agreed and signed

Chairman's report for 2025

Address by the Chair

A vintage year, the weather was just right and the carnival saw more people than ever who stayed longer. Well done to all the Committee for a well thought out carnival with a broad range of bright ideas. It was great to recognise John Turners sterling efforts over many years. It has been a revelation to see behind the veil at the hard work that goes on by one and all. A particular mention for the Sunday Treasure hunt, Ukulele band and cream teas and particular thanks to Sheila for organising a wonderful Songs of celebration on the Sunday evening. I extend my thanks and congratulations to each and every one of the committee.

4. Treasurer's report for 2025

Address by Abi Wilson

What a fantastic year. Allowing a 40% increase in donations on previous years. Particular areas of success were the Dog show, fantastic sponsors, and an increase in food vendors and stalls. Funding from local councils and councillors also made a big difference. A small increase in charges meant a big increase on takings for food and stalls. There was also a 20% reduction in outgoings due to having built up a good infrastructure over the years. So fabulous donations have been made and the carnival has a healthy income. A suggestion for 2025/26 would be to investigate grants from the lottery fund.

Although the accounts are up to date they have not been examined yet as still waiting for final amounts from Text Donate. Once added they will go to Keith Middleton for signing.

Amendments to the Constitution

It was noted that a definition for the Stalls officer has been omitted and will be added.

Section 9 re property – change final word 'property' at 9(b) to 'home'.

Section 10 capitalise D in GDPR

8. Election of Officers for 2025-26

a. Chair – Nomination Nick Roden

b. Vice Chair – Nomination Pete Allchorne

c. Secretary – Nomination Liz Perrins

d. Treasurer – Nomination Abi Wilson

e. Activities – Nomination Ben Long

f. Licencing – Nomination Pete Allchorne

g. Publicity – Nomination Kathryn Hopes

h. Stalls – Nomination Sarah Edwards

i. Infrastructure – Nomination Steve Daniels

j. Food and Beverages – Nomination Charlotte Bowden

k. Income Generation – Nomination Karen King

All agreed to continue in post

Rich Boote happy to continue to support infrastructure and stalls.

Pete Mc Bride happy to stay on committee and support.

Sasha Griffiths, Warren Teague, Clive Blackwell, Jess Shellard and Steven Pilgrim are keen to support the committee and deputy roles will be discussed at the first meeting.

9. Appointment of an Examiner for the accounts

Nomination – Keith Middleton

Contact to be made with Keith and accounts passed to him

10. Carnival 2026

a. Shall we have one? Yes

b. If 'yes', Nomination for Charities for 2026

Nominations:

Great Western Air Ambulance – Sarah Edwards has had contact and they are struggling to raise funds. Also, a good link to the Crosshands as they support them already and have provided sponsorship to the Carnival for a number of years.

Marcus Hamilton – raising funds for Duchenne Muscular dystrophy

Football pavilion rebuild in Winterbourne

Empowering futures

A discussion took place and the Committee felt it was important to have one main charity but to look at the amount raised after the carnival and possibly donate smaller amounts to local causes as stated above.

Action: Liz will contact Great Western air ambulance.

11. AOB

Sheila thanked the committee on behalf of All Saints Church for the donation and well done to all. The donation will be going towards new heating in the church.

Nick said good to see new faces this evening and thank you for coming along.

Meeting ended: 20.15

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th Nov 7.30pm at the Crosshands