

St Thomas Community Association Meeting draft notes 11/06/17

Apologies: Hannah Packham, Phil Bailyk, Heather Morris, Joe Catchside, Rosalind Zumar, Maggie Bonfield, Rob Turner, Yvonne Fryer

Present: Kathy Hurrell, Dale Hurrell, Sue Taylor, Karina Bailey, Chrissy Allott, Leila Manion
Mic Morgan, Joe Levy, Chloe Pooley, Pauline Iddon
Mary Ann, Rob Hannaford, Anne-Marie Culhane

Notes of last meeting agreed

Action Points from last meeting/notes:

- a. Branding and storage. Relocate STCA items to MJ's garage following Merrivale event on 17/06/17. Once all in place ensure items are marked/numbered before loaning out. Have a system to log out and back in resources.
- b. Access to storage at Cowick Barton. Sue and Rob H confirmed no further forwards with this and also football clubs not using their changing room provision. Other community initiatives looking for storage too. RH suggested contacting ECC housing dept regarding available garages that are too small for cars. RH to send info to ST. **ST** to make enquiries on behalf of STCA
- c) Co-ordinate with those interested in youth work. CP this will move forwards once listening event has taken place on 17/06 targeting Locarno Road, Newman Road, Merrivale Rd residents in particular.
- d) Research history of St Thomas Pleasure Ground. MW not present. **KB** agreed to research.
- e) Pines Gardens History Availability. ST. 300 year anniversary in 2020
- f) Big Lottery Fund Grant. KR reported timescale too tight for 2017, so application to be made for 2018 festival after 2017 festival when we have more data on visitor numbers
- g) Info on creating a community building. **CB** ongoing.
- h) Liaison with Exe Riverside Valley Park. Anne-Marie Culhane spoke about her Arts Residency appointment that runs until Jan 2018 and is funded by the Environment Agency, East Devon District Council and ECC. The park stretches from Exwick along the river and beyond the quay. Full notes of project and related events attached. General agreement that the Urban River Orchard would be well received by local residents and wildlife affected by the new flood defence scheme and tied in with other projects enabled by St Thomas In Bloom.
- i) Advertise for helpers/food for St Thomas Food Fight. RJ has shared info and appeal via social media. Effectiveness unclear. Will try again.
- j) Confirm DCC Grant. RH confirmed that he would allocate £2000 from his DCC budget for the 2017 festival. **MJ** to complete relevant forms.
- k) Investigate "Bag for Life" levy. **MJ** not completed as yet
- l) Volunteers to maintain website and social media. Going well. CP sharing many community posts via St Thomas, Exeter page which is managed by Cartridges.
- m) Investigate Hootsuite. Ongoing

CHAIR'S REPORT.

FESTIVAL

We're really into festival season now and plans are gradually coming together. Sponsors have been secured. Local grants have been applied for. Acts, stalls and infrastructure are all being booked. One of our sponsors, Underhills Estate Agents, has come with the willing help and assistance of owner, Joe Catchside, who has joined the core festival planning team

and proved to be very helpful in connecting more people, causes and businesses from around St Thomas in our bid to produce the biggest St Thomas Festival to date. It has been brought to our attention that Exeter Age UK are really struggling following some restructuring and cuts to their funding, resulting in cuts to the vital services that they offer. Due to this situation they were unable to commit to organising their usual Summer Fete in the park and we are in communication with them to see if we can work together on the festival weekend to help them raise local awareness and much needed funds too.

CHAIR ROLE

I have made a personal decision to step down from the role of Chair in January 2018, so my mission now is to build a large, active team of volunteers in our organisation and also continue to develop links with related organisations that compliment our community work in St Thomas (such as the St Thomas Emergency Response Group or Churches Together in St Thomas)

SECRETARY ROLE

Maggie Bonfield also plans to step down as secretary in January, but there are several monthly meetings this year that she cannot make, so STCA would welcome any volunteers to apply for this role as soon as they are able.

Generally it's great to see the active members of STCA getting stuck into discussions and projects in the local area. We need to maintain really clear communications to enable more local people to get informed, add their own ideas and get involved in community projects under the banner of STCA.

Treasurer Update; St Thomas Community Association - Treasurers Report 07/05/2017

Bank Accounts:

Lloyds - £4383.11

Co-op - £0.80

Account Breakdown:

STCA - £3,464.89

Bloom - £447.02

Pinces Gardens - £472.00

Petty Cash - £166.77

STCA insurance paid £257.18 to Colin Hardy and ECC Grant received £600.00

Bloom Reformed Plastics paid for benches £1,359.00

Pinces Gardens No change

A.O.B. None

Date of next meeting Sunday July 9th 8pm St Thomas Methodist Church