

ST THOMAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES 12/02/2017

Present; Chloe Pooley;Kathy Hurrell;Mary Ann Jennings;Mike Walling;Dave Hubbard;Joe Levy;Rosalind Johnson;Karina Bailey;Rob Turner;Maggie Bonfield

Apologies; Sue and John Taylor;Dale Hurrell;Karl Zumar

1. Notes of the last meeting 22/01/17 were agreed.
2. Action points from last meeting;
 - a. The bank account has three signatories Chair/Treasurer/Fundraiser.
 - b. The Great British Spring Clean Arrangements – Sunday 5th March 10-12 meet outside St Thomas Pleasure Grounds. Joe has made an event poster on Social Media (please share) also for our STCA noticeboard outside the Chemists in Cowick Street (Kathy and Library hold keys). Joe is running the food stall therefore someone is needed to co-host (**SUE T?**). RSPCA have it on their website. **ACTIONS;(ALL) WHO CAN HELP PLEASE RESPOND VIA EMAIL TO JOE; (ROS)EMAIL A-TEAM;ARRANGE PICK UP OF RUBBISH (JOE);ACCESS TO RESOURCES HELD BY STCA(KATHY).**
 - c. Discussion followed and the need to brand/number STCA resources was agreed .**ACTION (KATHY).**
 - d. STCA/St Thomas Emergency Group affiliation. Online discussion and a meeting led to a Memorandum of Understanding between the two groups. The wording was agreed (Proposer; Chloe. Second;Kathy. Unanimously agreed.) The amended M.O.U. will be presented for signing at the next STCA meeting. It was a useful exercise and it was agreed to use the formula for any other group that wished to join the STCA “umbrella”.(Proposer; Joe. Second; Mary Ann. Unanimously agreed)
3. Update from the Chair. Permission for this year’s festival is being sought for Saturday September 2nd and Sunday September 3rd in St Thomas Pleasure Grounds. A meeting has been held with the core Festival team to look at tasks – Insurance /communication with A-Team, potential stallholders/online payment system etc.
4. Youth Co-ordinator Update; Chloe/Laura/Joe met to discuss the possibility of a live music event and an art/poetry event in the run up to the main festival and/or Saturday early evening of the festival. Venues/contacts in youth organisations and individuals were discussed. Funding will be sought and a budget plan produced. As is usual for STCA events Cultural Diversity will be encouraged.
5. Bloomin’ St Thomas Report from Sue .

The Community tree planting event “Dig a Hole” was held on the 29th January 2017. Nine people turned up which was great despite the atrocious weather. The group managed to plant six out of the 10 fruit trees delivered. We are hoping that the Council grounds maintenance team will plant the remainder when the weather permits.

Benches for St Thomas Parish Church cemetery will be ordered and installed shortly.

The mural for the St Thomas Station will be installed at the station mid March, date to be confirmed. We will need to do some weeding and tidying of the sedum matting before then. Laura Robinson and Von Fryer will be attending a networking meeting on the 16th February, being facilitated by the Exeter Green Partnership and Exeter Parks Watch; they will be talking about how the Bloom In St Thomas group co ordinates the various projects in the area

with the aiming of supporting other groups just starting out.

As raised at the last meeting, I have contacted Simon Lane Environmental Health and Licensing Officer Exeter City Council about attending the STCA March meeting to talk to the wider committee about how local communities may prevent anti social behaviour in their green spaces. Still waiting to hear back. **ACTION; (KATHY) to contact Simon Lane re date.**

From Celia Minoughan, Project Officer, Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership;
I'm hoping you'll be able to come to the photocall on Saturday 11th March at 11am on Platform 1 at St Thomas Station. Let me know if you can make this date. I'll send off a press release the following week

I'd also like to invite you to celebrate the mural installation with me at Café at 36 after the photocall.

John Taylor will contact you to arrange a weeding session for the sedum nearer the time of the photocall.

6. As we are welcoming other groups into STCA do we need more meeting time? The discussion that followed agreed that it would be a better idea to formalize the reporting back from groups.

- a. Written bullet point report, as required, to secretary 10 days before the following STCA meeting to allow mailing out with the agenda.*
- b. As a repeat reading of report at the meeting would not be necessary only questions/requests for help/resources would be needed.*

ACTION; St Thomas Emergency group and Bloomin' St Thomas.

7. The next Exeter Community Forum Meeting is Tuesday 7th March 7-8.30pm Sylvania Hall EX4 7DR . "Making Sense of the new big picture and what it might mean for communities" see <http://exetercommunityforum.net/communities-planning/>

8. A report is being published re Research on needs and aspirations of 10-25 year olds in the Exeter area and will be discussed, Exeter Guildhall Wednesday 22nd March 6-9 p.m. To register and book your place email admin@voydevon.org.uk

9. Date of the next meeting; Sunday March 5th at 8.00p.m. venue to be confirmed on the agenda for this meeting.