

Friends of Spencer Park and Recreation Ground

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday June 10th 2019 at
7pm in the pavilion Spencer Park

Present: Paul Smith (chair), Karen Berry (secretary), Pat Ryan (Treasurer), Liz Bayton, Ken Taylor, Tim Brooke, Helen Elias, Debbie Riordan, Carol Bayliss, Jane Donovan, Janis Firminger, Becky Gittins (councillor)

1. **Welcome** by Paul Smith, Chair. Paul thanked everyone for coming and thanked all those who had volunteered their time over the year.
2. **Apologies:** Helen Spence, Anthony Godber, Zilpha Reed, Kindy Sandhu, Dal Singh, Bob Wilkinson, Scott Crowther.
3. **Minutes of the AGM** held on June 18th. 2018 approved as a true record. No matters arising.
4. **Chair's report** – Paul Smith – see Appendix 1
5. **Appointment of trustees:** Trustees Carol Bayliss and Pat Ryan were due to retire by rotation, but were re-elected for a further three year term. Pat proposed that Ken and Debbie be seconded as trustees when the new charity bank account is set up. Carol seconded. Proposal agreed.
6. **Appointment of Officers:** The current officers – Paul Smith (Chair), Karen Berry (Secretary) and Pat Ryan (Treasurer) were re-elected. Ken proposed a vote of thanks to Paul for his work. Accounts for year ending March 31st. 2018 and update on current finances – Pat Ryan (Treasurer) – See Appendix 2
7. **Appointment of Independent examiner of accounts.:** Colin Scott approved to continue.
8. **Future of the pavilion:** Paul thanked those who had helped to refurbish parts of the pavilion which has enabled us to hold parties and meetings and have better catering facilities. The meeting approved Karen to approach Tim Fox for access to the other previous changing room. This would involve relocating the council stored items. We received a grant from Coventry4Good for gardening equipment and storage items for the container. The installation of the container has been delayed so as a report to the funders is due in July it was decided to just purchase gardening equipment. In the long term, overall re-development of the pavilion is at a standstill as the Council has banned access to the roof space due to the presence of asbestos. Consequently we cannot take the measurements which are needed for a feasibility study on the long term

prospects for the pavilion. The meeting proposed that Paul approach the council to enable our access to the affected areas. This will be discussed at the next pavilion sub-committee. Pat raised the issue of the proposed congestion charge/low emission area as this would include Spencer Park and would affect access. It was felt that these plans were in the early stages, but we would need to be mindful of developments.

9. **Albany Crown Bowls Club** were unable to report as neither Scott nor John were present. However, Paul reported that the club is thriving.
10. **Tennis Club:** The club currently has seventy members. The children's tennis lessons are popular and well attended.
11. **A.O.B. :** Paul raised the issue of facilities for teenagers on the Recreation Ground. He felt a skate board park would be popular. The issue about the difficulties we had experienced trying to find out what teenagers would like to see in the park was raised as it is crucial to carry out extensive consultation. The success of the playground area for bikes etc. in Spencer Park is due largely to the extensive consultation carried out prior to the installation of the markings.
12. **Date of Next meeting:** To be arranged for June to allow time for the accounts to be processed.

Helen Elias 13.6.2019