

# Minutes of Bear Flat Association AGM 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Apologies:** Gareth Somerset ; Robert O Farrel ; Sally Politzer

Prior to the official opening of the meeting , Nick Francis said a few words about Judith Eversley who had recently passed away . This was followed by a period of silence , allowing people to reflect in their own way

JT then welcomed the membership to the AGM and outlined the Agenda for the evening. 22 members were in attendance

A highlight report of our activities in 2024 had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting.

JT formally introduced each member of the Committee to the membership.

## **1: Minutes of the 2023 AGM and matters arising**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and there were no matters arising

## **2: Chair's Report (David Morgan)**

DM highlighted the key work that we have been doing since our last meeting.

The Festive Lights were a great success and will be repeated this year.

Working with Bath In Bloom to create a nature friendly flower area on the Gore

Opposing the proposed development of a 5G Mast on the Gore ; including meeting with the CEO of the Council.

Continuing to work with the Council to influence the WECA proposal for the A367

The Clean and Green team continue to keep the area tidy

DM gave a vote of thanks to Nick Francis who has stepped down from his role as Vice Chair

## **3: Vote on the Trustees**

The following names were ratified as Trustees

David Morgan Chair	James William Gibbons
Jill Catherine Kingaby	Gareth Eyre Somerset
Helen Louise Scamell	Jeremy Charles Trenchard

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Timothy Cantell	Mark Richardson
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## 3: Reports

### Treasurer's report and presentation of 2023 accounts (Mark Richardson)

MR summarised his report

MR responded to a question on the breakdown of the costs for the Festive Lights .

He clarified the initial capital cost and the expected on-going costs

MR responded to a question on the use of Green Energy to run the lights .

He stated that the electricity generation was down to each business and that we had no influence on it .

### Planning & Transport Group (Timothy Cantell)

TC summarised the report.

The Council now has an opportunity to formally review the BCS Travel Plan

TC responded to a query on the Southstoke Plateau project , confirming we had objected to the development

### Food Group (Helen Scammel)

HS summarised her report

## 4: Activities

JT outlined forthcoming activities and asked for any suggestions from the membership as to what they would like to see . A Quiz Night was mentioned

## 5: Any Other Business

- A member asked for an update on the future of the Methodist Church

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Members of the committee had attended a recent event at the Church , where a 3<sup>rd</sup> party organisation was consulting the public on its current and possible future use .

A general discussion took place , prompted by a question from the membership , on our experience , if any , of Managing a Community Asset.

Deborah Collins and Alison Born gave some background, describing what had taken place with the re development of the Widcombe Social Club.

Deborah Collins outlined the process of registering a place as an Asset of Community Value

There was general consensus that we should prepare for such an approach as the loss of such a community space would be detrimental to our community

The meeting closed at 8 20 pm with a vote of thanks to the membership, the officers of the BFA and to Alexandra Bowls Club for providing the venue .