

## **Minutes of Bear Flat Association AGM 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Apologies: David Morgan , James Gibbons, David George , Richard & Marion O Hanlon , Jane Allan, Nick Francis , Mr Markall ( BCS head ) , Jill Kingaby, AC Trenchard

JT welcomed the membership to the AGM and outlined the Agenda for the evening.

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

### **1: Minutes of the 2024 AGM and matters arising**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and under matters arising JT commented that we are pursuing registering the Methodist Church Hall as a Community Asset as its future was still unsure

### **2:2024 Highlight Report**

JT summarised the last 12 months activities and congratulated Timothy Cantell on his recent MBE award

The Community Market goes from strength to strength , thanks to Helen , Thelma and the rest of the team

The Festive Lights and the gravel garden at the Gore have helped to raise our profile in the community

Our Open Spaces continue to thrive with Green Flag Status renewed for 2025

Quiz night has been brought back, thanks to jill Kingaby and the Bear Flat Flyer continues to be well received , thanks to Gareth Somerset

### **3: 2025 Fees**

JT opened the discussion on the proposal to raise the fees for 2025

Our fees have remained at £5 since we were formed.

Our income has been steady but as our ambition has increased over the last few years in particular , we now need to consider an increase.

It would be prudent to also build up our reserves

Any future projects would be funded from a combination of existing subscriptions and specific fundraising initiatives

If we were to match inflation , our fees would need to be around £7.

A general discussion took place and concluded that a figure of £10 was reasonable

This figure was then put to the room for a vote which was unanimously accepted

JT thanked the membership for their support

#### **Item 4: Any Other Business**

- A member raised an issue about our response to the Somer Valley link Proposal , feeling that it did not reflect his specific concerns, and therefore questioning its validity

JT responded that we had only supported the proposal in principle and pointed to our detailed response where we expressed our concerns over specific elements of the scheme.

Timothy Cantell responded on how our consultation process had worked and Deboraah Collins explained the process from the viewpoint of BANES

Further discussions took place after the meeting had concluded

- A member raised the issue of a property in Bloomfield Avenue that had recently become a Party House .

The meeting closed at 8 15 pm with a vote of thanks to the membership, our Street Reps , the officers of the BFA & HS and TG who organised refreshments .