

Minutes of AGM 2016

Date	30.8.16
Time	10.00 -12.00
Venue	Town Hall Stoke

Agenda	Action				
<p>Attendees:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Beech • Pam Bryan • Geoff Bryan • John Burgess • Philip Woodward </td> <td style="width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesley Smith (Stoke City Council) • Mick Jones • Stephanie Wood </td> </tr> </table> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Rose • Fiona Farrell • Simmy Akhtar • Lynn Hughes • Winston Green </td> <td style="width: 50%;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Dixon • Mike Dixon • Barry & Jean Simpson • Eileen Bloomfield • Jennifer Pardue </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Beech • Pam Bryan • Geoff Bryan • John Burgess • Philip Woodward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesley Smith (Stoke City Council) • Mick Jones • Stephanie Wood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Rose • Fiona Farrell • Simmy Akhtar • Lynn Hughes • Winston Green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Dixon • Mike Dixon • Barry & Jean Simpson • Eileen Bloomfield • Jennifer Pardue 	
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<p>Minutes of meeting of AGM 17th June 2015 were approved for accuracy.</p>					
<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Chiropody issue is still ongoing. Members were told that they now had to make their own appointments as they were no longer being sent one automatically.</p> <p>We managed to convince the new council not to charge disabled drivers on surface car parks.</p> <p>Cll Jack Brereton has been proactive in ensuring unobstructed pavements by getting hedges cut back.</p>					

<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>John outlined our successes for the year and thanked all members, MPs, the Council, Leslie Smith and Exec. members for their support. He paid tribute to Jean Simpson for her sterling work as Minutes Secretary Jean has had to resign this post due to ill health.</p>	
<p>1. Clarification regarding fast tracking applications for terminally ill people</p> <p>This has now been done and the council are looking to put a time limit of a few days to process these badges and may be able to dispense with the fee.</p>	
<p>2. Consultation about the Public Realm in Hanley</p> <p>The problem with the Tontine street tripping hazzard has now been resolved due to Cll. Jack Brereton's help.</p>	
<p>3. Wheelchair assistance at RSUH</p> <p>We have the agreement with the hospital that they now have a policy to provide wheelchair assistance to cars where needed.</p>	
<p>4. Middleport Pottery</p> <p>STAND will revisit when all the work has been completed</p>	
<p>5. Wheelchair access to Carmountside</p> <p>STAND will revisit when the temporary chapel closes to see if the recommended work has been completed.</p> <p>6. Podiatry Service</p> <p>This will form part of our ongoing work for next year.</p> <p>7. Community Transport</p> <p>STAND will continue to monitor developments</p> <p>8. Free blue badge parking</p> <p>STAND has managed to convince the new council NOT to introduce these charges.</p> <p>9. RSUH parking Issues Ongoing</p> <p>10. NHS Complaints System STAND now has a member on the Independent Complaints</p>	

Panel

11. Meir Drainage Channel Jennifer to report at next meeting

12. Pavement Obstructions Cll J Brereton has ensured that overhanging hedges are cut back to allow free access.

13. Care Act STAND in conjunction with Healthwatch worked with the Council to get a the implementation of this act carried out in a fair manner.

14. Treasurer's Report

In Winston's stead, Pam went through the report and stressed the need for everyone to be mindful of the fact that we needed more funds if we are to continue our work.

Election of Officers

All officers stood down as per STAND's Constitution. Temporary Chair was handed to Lesley Smith (Stoke on Trent City Council) for election of officers.

Officer Election results:

Chair: John Beech
 Deputy Chair: Geoff Bryan
 Secretary: Pam Bryan
 Deputy Secretary: Vacant
 Hon Minutes Secretary LS
 Treasurer: Winston Green
 Deputy Treasurer: John Burgess
 Membership Secretary: John Burgess
 Webmaster: Pam Bryan
 Social Media Officer: Vacant
 Fund Raising Officer; Vacant
 Auditor: Stephanie Wood

Vacant posts:

- Deputy Secretary
- Social Media Officer
- Fund Raising Officer

Phil has agreed to attend Exec meetings where Public Realm Issues are discussed.

Work Programme 2016/2017

- Disabled Toilets in Hanley
- RSUH – Parking issues – on-going
- Public Realm Hanley
- Access to Podiatry Services
- Community Transport
- Visit to Carmountside
- Visit To Middleport Pottery

Any Other Business

Contact with Members- Pam highlighted the cost of sending out letters to members, presently

running at about £5 for each member without an email address per year. STAND does not want to discontinue sending out letters, but is concerned that we might be sending them to people who no longer wish to receive them.

To be an agenda item for the next meeting

Date of Next General Meeting Tues 25 Oct 2016

Exec meeting 11th Oct 2016