

Minutes of AGM 2015

Date	17th June 2015
Time	10.00 -12.00
Venue	Town Hall Stoke

Agenda topic	A c t i o n		
<p>The Award Ceremony for the STAND awards for the most disabled friendly local and national supermarkets were both won by ASDA. ASDA at Wolstanton won the local award for the superb way the car park was managed and the help and attitude of the staff.</p> <p>Sainsburys in Stoke and Lidl in Longton were also mentioned by members for the managed parking and helpful staff.</p> <p>Our thanks to The Lord Mayor for presenting the awards and to Tracey Marsden for receiving them on behalf of ASDA.</p>			
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<p>Apologies received from:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Rose • Fiona Farrell • Terry Andrews • Carol Bullock </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Dixon • Mike Dixon • Alan Dutton • Michelle Cooper </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Rose • Fiona Farrell • Terry Andrews • Carol Bullock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Dixon • Mike Dixon • Alan Dutton • Michelle Cooper 	
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<p>Minutes of meeting of AGM 5th Aug 2014 were approved for accuracy.</p>			
<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Private Hire issues regarding some drivers not complying with rules. The Council are still monitoring the effects of allowing Private Hire vehicles in bus lanes</p>			

UHNS now called RSUH still awaiting update but issues are still not resolved.

Chiropody Brian gave us an update on progress and Cheryl promised to pass information through Pam that might help.

Pam gave an update on progress on Complaints in the NHS and the drive to get complaints heard that were not put in writing as this discriminates against those people who struggled with the written word.

Chair's Report

John thanked all members for their support, especially Alan Rose who had stepped in to do the Membership secretary's job. Alan has had to resign this post due to ill health, Leslie Smith and the City Council for their support. he also paid tribute to Adam Snow for his help and advice and to our local MPs for all their support.

Members asked that Alan be sent a card from STAND.

1. Stafford Street Hanley

The kerbs now line up thanks to the work done by the City Council

2. Obstructions on Pavements

Following our meeting Matthew Ellis has arranged for PCSOs to give out Advisory Notices to people who park on the footpath, cause an obstruction, or park facing the wrong way at night

3. Winton House PIP Assessment Centre

Capita has carried out all the work we asked them to do to make these premises more accessible to disabled people.

4. Charging Disabled People to Park

John has heard that this is to be dropped but we will continue to fight this until we hear officially.

Report Approved

5. Work Ongoing

This will be reported in the Work Programme

6. Treasurers Report

Jennifer asked what the expenses were for as there were no details in the report.

Report Approved

7. 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: Michelle Cooper
 Treasurer: Winston Green
 Deputy Treasurer: John Burgess
 Membership Secretary Cheryl Barnett
 Advisor Adam Snow

Vacant posts:

- Publicity Officer
- Webmaster

Barry said his wife may be interested in being webmaster

Work Programme 2014-2015

- Campaign against charging disabled people to park on Council car parks Members were asked to sign the petition via our website before 24th June.
- Abuse of blue badge bays on private land. Les said that Part 3 of the Equality Act 2010, which dealt with access to goods and services had a Code of Practice which gave the example of a store which did not monitor it's blue badge spaces and this was deemed to be unlawful. Pam to ask Adam if he could reference this for us. John will contact DM
- RSUH – Parking issues – on-going
- Tontine Street Hanley
- Pedestrianisation / Hanley City Centre
- Access to Chiropody Services
- NHS Complaints System
- Issues in Meir – drainage channels Promise that this will be done.
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Any Other Business

Members were advised of the Green Door and More event at Central Forest Park Hanley on Saturday 25th July 11am to 4.00pm. Pam offered STAND's thanks to Winston and Christine for taking this on. Other volunteers to turn up on the day to give help on the stall. Items for the Tombola Stall to be given to Winston

Date of Next General Meeting Tues 11 Aug 2015 Geoff to Chair