

Aldringham cum Thorpe Good Neighbours Scheme

Annual General Meeting Tuesday April 19th 2016

Held at The Pavilion, Sports Field, Thorpeness

Minutes

Approx 27 people attended plus visitors from AGNES

1. Welcome and Introduction of Guest Speaker

Ben O'Dwyer welcomed the steering committee, volunteers and 'clients' including two volunteers from Aldeburgh Good Neighbours, Ian and Susan Henderson. Ben then introduced our Guest Speaker, Lynn Butler from CATS who spoke about the services they offer and the changes that were being introduced in June 2016, which may affect us all. After Lynn had finished her talk, Ben thanked her and advised that the steering committee would keep in touch with her with respect to the changes taking place so that we may keep our handbook up to date.

2. **Apologies** were received from the Atkinsons, Roger Searle and Jill Hubbard.

3. **The Minutes of the 2015 AGM** were approved and signed.

4. Chairman's Report

Ben O'Dwyer advised the meeting that tasks were surprisingly close to those before transportation to the hospital stopped. Ben also reminded us that the informality of the GNS structure allowed us a good deal of freedom.

5. Treasurer's Report

Sydney Graham presented the **Treasurer's Report**. General Donations of £378.51 last year, £200 of which was gratefully received from the Parish Council. In fact all donations were gratefully received. Slightly down from the year before, however, in addition to

the General Donations, £300 was raised for the Memorial Plaque to Val Allport plus an overage of £100 with which we purchased LED lights for the Christmas Tree in front of the Meare, which Val had started. Expenses on the other hand were very much less than the year before.

6. **Election of the Steering Group**

With the exception of Mick Sturmey and Jane McLaughlin who were stepping down from the steering group, nominations had been received for the balance of the steering group, (Ben O'Dwyer, Jill Hubbard, Pippa McLardy, Peter Holmes, Sydney Graham and David Parratt) to form the next steering group, together with the inclusion of two further nominations for Wendy Sturmey and Christine Laschet. Proposed by Hazel Searle and seconded by Mike Trapp, the nominations were unanimously carried.

The Steering Group will next meet on Tuesday June 14th 2016 at Jill Hubbard's 7:00 pm. Prompt!

7. **Telephone Rota**

Led by Peter Holmes a general discussion took place with respect to the telephone rota. Volunteers can now book in for any length of time in weekly units and a new rota was circulated for applications.

8. **AOB 1.** Mike Trapp said Border Buses were the only reliable company who issued timetables and also updated on various other transport difficulties.

AOB 2. Christine Laschet asked that we reinstate the individual volunteer pages in the Task Book, as she could not see which volunteers had recently performed tasks. This will be re-discussed at the first Steering Group meeting.

9. Maureen Jones from The Heritage Group thanked Good Neighbours for the Val Allport Memorial Plaque.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.