

## Castlefields Canal and River Park Association (CARP)

### Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 16th November, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Calne Town Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Denis Robinson	DR	Chair
	Debbie Smith	DS	Trustee
	Dee Robinson	DeeR	Trustee
	Julie Wakeham	JW	Trustee
	Sue Court	SC	Secretary
	Martin Court	MC	Trustee
	Tim Preece	TP	Treasurer
	Karen Boswell	KB	CARP Member
	Martin Boswell	MB	Trustee
	Richard Mason	RM	W&BCT
	Mo Norrington	MN	Trustee

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Minutes of the Last meeting:** held on the 21st September, 2017, agreed subject to JW's role be amended to Trustee.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance is £3651.83. £2000 of this is ring-fenced for the outdoor gym.
5. **Correspondence:** None.
6. **Community Involvement:**

**Britain in Bloom:** Chair congratulated everyone on their hard work which resulted in an award of 'Outstanding' in this years' Its Your Neighbourhood category. MN provided details of an initiative from

B&Q which will donate 'non saleable' goods to charities. MN will contact local stores for details. It felt this was an excellent initiative which we could make good use of. MN also advised of a Government pledge of £500,000 for "*new action group to grow future of public parks*". We will monitor the progress of this.

**Safety Forum:** KB advised that there has been a rise in theft from property, vans and sheds over recent months. These appear to be opportunist crimes. Everybody was advised to be security conscious.

**Winter Festival:** To be held on the 2nd December, 2017. Agreed that stall will be set up at 1.30 p.m. Cost of 20p per card was also agreed. **Donations and help to run the stall will be much appreciated.**

7. **Well Dressing:** DS reported that two schools have signed up to creating pallet planters. TP will provide contact for Scouts and other youth groups that may be interested. It was agreed that CARP will also create a planter. Pallets will be delivered to schools first week of the summer term. CARP will need to prepare pallets with suitable compost prior to delivery.
8. **Mound Walls:** Chair reported that an informal meeting between Wiltshire Council Conservation Officers and CTC adviser has taken place. Wiltshire Council did not endorse the proposal to create a bund in the Phase 2 area. There doesn't appear to be another proposal to progress Phase 2 at this time. This is very disappointing. It was agreed that a letter be written to CTC asking what their proposals are for the future of the mound walls. MB will action.
9. **Outdoor Gym Equipment:** As a result of two meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee CTC, a grant of £1750 has been approved for more gym equipment. This leaves us short of our original total by £1750. The Wiltshire Council matched funding grant is time limited.

After discussion it was decided to place an order for two items of gym equipment rather than three.

10. **AOB:** JW raised concerns about the paintwork on "Arfur Boat". Although there were plans to do a complete refurb next year it was felt that remedial work is required now. This will be part of the working party task on 19th November, 2017. The refurb next year will hopefully be carried out by the Mens Shed/helpers from a Swindon based company. MB commented on the quality of the river flow following the installation of the deflectors by BART and asked if there were any plans to carry out further installations upstream from the skew bridges. Chair will contact BART.
11. **Next working Party: 19th November, 2017.**
12. **Date of Next Meeting: 18th January, 2018.**