

Castlefields Canal and River Park Association (CARP)

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18th January, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Calne Town Hall

Present:	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
	Mo Norrington	MN	Trustee

1. **Apologies:**

Martin Boswell, Richard Mason and Roger Mant.

2. **Minutes of the Last meeting:**

Held on the 16th November, 2017, agreed.

3. **Matters Arising:**

From AOB, MB's suggestion about further river restoration work. Chair has had a meeting with BART who provided examples of a restoration in Midsummer Norton along an area similar to the wharf in Calne. A project of this nature could cost £50,000. However, any restoration must acknowledge the industrial heritage of this part of the river. BART has suggested that, initially, a full conditioning survey of the River Marden be carried out to establish the good and bad points. BART could undertake the survey for approximately £3,000. Chair has identified possible sources of funding for this. It was agreed to seek funding and commission a survey.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance is £9122.10. £7,500 of this is ring-fenced for the outdoor gym.

5. **Correspondence:**

Email from CTC regarding the Summer Carnival on the 30th June, 2018.

- a. It was agreed, due to limited manpower, that we would not be participating as a group.

6. **Community Involvement:**

a. **Britain in Bloom:**

Nothing to report. CARP will assume that judging will take place early July and plan accordingly.

b. **Safety Forum:**

SC reported that Safety Forum meeting had been held earlier today. There is some opportunistic crime in the town and planned crime. All are advised to keep buildings secure etc., There is also a scam involving "faults with Direct Debit on TV Licensing". Any caller suggesting this should not be entertained and immediately reported to the police. Safety Forum are also writing to CTC regarding the condition of the mound walls and safety implications.

c. **Winter Festival:**

Another successful event for CARP raising £105.90. Chair thanked Karen for her hard work in organising the event and also thanks to all people who donated prizes and helped on the day.

d. **Bunny Hunt:**

It was agreed that the Bunny Hunt will be held on the 31st March, 2018. SC reported that Karen has already been in contact with the Ice Cream man and the Scouts to attend on the day. DeeR volunteered to approach local shops for donations of mini eggs.

7. **Well Dressing:**

DS confirmed that two schools will create pallet gardens. Pallets will be delivered to the school

ready for planting at the beginning of the summer term. Chair will obtain pallets in the next few weeks and a workshop will be needed to create planting pockets. It was also agreed that Chaveywell will be dressed for B. in B. day probably with a willow arch. Any other ideas welcome. MN will approach B&Q for landscape fibre.

8. **Mound Walls:**

As agreed at the last meeting MB has written a letter to CTC distributed at the this meeting to committee members) expressing our concerns regarding the repairs to the walls and requiring CTC to provide a clear statement explaining when and how further work to the walls will be completed.

9. **Outdoor Gym Equipment:**

Two new items of equipment (cross trainer and leg press) are scheduled to be installed mid February. It is suggested that a photo opportunity be arranged to highlight the additional kit. MC asked if advice could be sought from the provider regarding the erosion around existing kit.

10. **AOB:**

Chair asked if the Men's shed were in a position to provide a working party to paint the canal boat SC thought it was not probable at the moment but KB will speak to them in the near future. Chair has been in contact with voluntary co-ordinators in Swindon and a group from Swindon might be prepared to carry out the work in the Spring. In the meantime, Chair will investigate a work process for this task.

11. **Dates for future working parties: 11th February 2018 and 25th March 2018.**

After discussion it was agreed that extra working parties will be needed in the Spring and Summer months. These might be weekdays or weekends and will be decided nearer the time.

12. **Date of Next Meeting: 15th March, 2018.**