

Castlefields Canal and River Park Association (CARP)

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 18th May, 2017, 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	Committee Member
	Sue Court	SC	Secretary
	Martin Boswell	MB	Trustee
	Karen Boswell	KB	Trustee
	Richard Mason	RM	W&BCT

1. **Apologies:** Martin Court.
2. **Minutes of the Last meeting:** held on the 23rd March, 2017, agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:** Aviva Rugby Tickets raised £70. Thanks to the purchasers.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Deferred.
5. **Correspondence:** None. .
6. **Community Involvement:**

Britain in Bloom: Judging takes place on the 11th July, 2017.

Safety Forum: KB reported meeting is next week. KB also advised of an assault outside Sainsbury's but stressed this is a very unusual occurrence in Calne. There have been some distraction burglaries involving house calls. People need to be aware.

Easter Bunny Hunt: Was a great success and raised £185 for CARP. Chair thanked KB and all the helpers who organised and attended the event.

Mens Shed: First meeting was very well attended and the organisation is now being set up. A positive response to the "Fairy doors" and boat painting has been indicated by the organisers.

Summer Carnival: Proposed canoeing on the canal from Chaveywell to the lock is still planned for the 24th June, 2017. Help will be needed to clear the banks etc., RM asked if CARP would help with a joint working party. Agreed.

Heritage Week: Chair asked if we should participate in the **open door** activity. Agreed that we would host a guided walk on Saturday 9th September, 2017 at 2 p.m.

7. **Well Dressing:** DS explained the progress so far. After discussion it was decided that the event should not take place this year. Chair described a vertical pallet planter he had seen and suggested that the local schools could be invited to cultivate the planters for use at the well dressing event in summer 2018. This will be an agenda item for September.
8. **Mound Walls:** Chair advised that remedial work has been carried out on the walls although it is not known if this work has been signed off by the engineers. A discussion took place where members expressed great concern about the quality of the works. It was agreed that a letter be sent to all Council members expressing CARP's dissatisfaction. MB and Chair to action.
9. **Outdoor Gym Equipment:** Wording of the lease has now been agreed and the document has been signed. CARP is in the Tesco's Bag of Help vote off which will produce up to £5,000 towards the purchase of 3 more items of equipment. The results of this voting will be known in July. We urge

everyone to vote for our Bags of Fitness proposal in Chippenham and Calne Tesco stores.

10. **AOB:** MB showed photographs of a fortified manor house in the Worcester area. It was noted how similar this building was to the artists impression of our own castle.
11. **Next working Party: 11th June, 2017. Work will include installing Joyce Mugford's memorial seat.**
12. **Date of Next Meeting: AGM 20th July, 2017.**