

Castlefields Canal and River Park Association (CARP)

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 21st September, 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
	Tim Preece	TP	Treasurer

1. **Apologies:** Martin Court, Mo Norrington, Karen Boswell, Martin Boswell, Roger Mant.
2. **Minutes of the Last meeting:** held on the 16th May, 2017, agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:** None.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance is £3655.08. £2000 of this is ring-fenced for the outdoor gym.
5. **Correspondence:** Email from CTC regarding WW1 commemorative tree planting. After discussion it was decided that there was insufficient space in the park to participate in this event as it requires a space for 30 trees. CARP will help with planting in other locations in November, 2018. Email from member of the public offering his services to redesign the CARP website. It was agreed that the current website meets our requirements. TP will respond thanking the person for their interest but declining help.
6. **Community Involvement:**
 - Britain in Bloom:** Positive feedback from the judges during the IYN assessment in July. Results expected in early October, 2017.
 - Safety Forum:** There has been a rise in theft from motor vehicles and unsecured buildings. There are petitions in the town objecting to the closure of the Calne Police station and the strength of police presence in Calne.
 - Winter Festival:** To be held on the 2nd December, 2017. CARP will run the usual Tombola stall. KB will lead.
7. **Well Dressing:** DS will discuss proposal to involve schools in planting of pallet planters with MN and local primary schools.
8. **Mound Walls:** Phase 1 snagging issues have been signed off. Drainage at the base of the wall is still a problem and it is proposed to clear soil from above the French drains and add aggregate. Further re-pointing work may take place after January, 2018 but this would be subject to CTC resources. Phase 2, i.e. the area west of Chaveywell, there is a suggestion to bund this area, grass it over and create another entrance up to the mound. Discussions are due to take place with Wiltshire Council Conservation officer and CTC representatives in early October.
9. **Outdoor Gym Equipment:** £1000 has been granted by Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme and £500 from Calne Lions Club. An application to CTC for £3,500 will be discussed at their meeting on 25th September, 2017. If this bid is successful an order can be placed to provide three new pieces of kit which we hope would be installed in two months.
10. **AOB:** JW raised concerns about the condition of the Jubilee Scots Pines. She agreed to monitor the condition and report back. If necessary, an arboriculturist will be contacted for advice.
11. **Next working Party:** 8th October, 2017. Re-sowing of the wild flower bed.
12. **Date of Next Meeting:** 16th November, 2017.

