

Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

Thursday 17 January 2013

Present: Cathy Harvey (Chair), Sal Robinson (Treasurer), Anne-Marie Beer (Secretary / Coordinator), Paul Bowditch and Irwin Beer.

1. Apologies.

None.

2. Finances

There were no matters arising from the accounts presented to the general meeting held on 10 January 2013.

3. Open meeting held 10 January 2013.

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4. A.G.M.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting be held on Friday 1 March 2013 at 7:30 pm in St Swithun's Church Hall.

The format of the evening will be as follows:

Formal AGM

- Apologies
- Report from the Chair on what has happened during the year and plans for the coming year
- Report from the Treasurer
- Acceptance of Audited Accounts
- Election of Committee (3 – 15 people)
- Short talk (10 mins MAX) by Jonathan Burgess, Woodland Trust Ranger
- Airing and Sharing - a chance for anyone to ask questions / make their views known etc

Refreshments - tea, coffee, homemade cakes etc – agreed that we will ask for donations rather than charge. (Need people to make cakes)

Raffle.

Illustrated talk by Cathy about Allington Hill.

Raffle draw.

The AGM will be advertised on the Allington Hill Volunteers Facebook page, via e-mail, in the View from Bridport and by posters.

N.B. It costs £25 to hire the Hall.

5. Allington Hill 5 year plan

Agreed that there was nothing of great interest in the draft document.

There was discussion about the replacement of the steps on the Park Road side of the Hill, which are in a very poor state and which were never suitable for the less able bodied. . It was agreed that we would prefer to get the work done ourselves rather than through the Woodland Trust, as the standard of work from their sub-contractors did not appear to be high enough – the current steps have lasted less than 10 years. We want them done to a much higher standard. It was suggested that we investigate the use of “plastic” wood which does not rot or break up.

Agreed to look for quotes for this work and to start looking for funding.

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6. **Bridport Co-housing project.**

Agreed that this project is very interesting and could benefit the Volunteers in that there will be a Community Room included. At the moment there is no-where on the Bridport Hospital side of the hill for a meeting.

7. **Equal Opportunities and Child Protection Policies.**

Sal explained that it is a condition of the West Dorset Leisure Development Fund grant that the committee adopt Equal Opportunities and Child Protection Policies for the Allington Hill Volunteers.

It was formally agreed to adopt the 2 documents presented by Sal – proposed by Sal, seconded by Cathy, all agreed.

Sal said that once she receives the invoice from Huck she will send all the necessary paperwork to WDDC to claim the grant.

8. **Next Meeting.**

The date of the next meeting will be decided when the new committee is in place.