



Annual General Meeting

2nd November 2023

Minutes

Chair's report:- Paddy gave a review of the year with the full report being available on the RCV Website with highlights below: -

- Paddy thanked Captain John Ledgister for the use of the Army Reserve Centre with John giving a health and safety briefing for attendees using the centre.
- Thanks to the committee members who had contributed over the year but had left the committee, namely Gareth Lloyd, Cate Lewis, Flo Penfold and Ali Penfold.
- Recognition was given to the 2 groups formed in the last year with Hilary Lee organising the garden group leading to successful planting of the Queens Canopy, replacement of dying trees plus future planting plans for Elizabeth Park. At the same time Gavin Hambrey, organiser of the Gull Group, took ownership for understanding the issues around the impact of Gulls on Riverside leading to a far better understanding of what can and cannot be done. He produced an excellent fly sheet for members to take away.
- He thanked Lindsay Bray and Ian Queckett for their ownership on driving the Dripping Tap pub planning application withdrawal.
- Gareth Lloyd had produced an excellent proposal on how Bath Riverside should be managed which the RCV committee will pick up and drive going forward. Gareth also liaised with EON Heat on reducing the minimum heat tariffs.
- Parking is an emotive subject and RCV are working with B&NES on the Bus Gate implementation and parking proposals for Stothert Avenue.
- The next stage of development along the LBR is the Gasworks proposal with the latest plans being revealed in Cassia in October.
- The Summer Party was a great success with over £700 was raised for a local charity.

Membership and Treasurer report:-

- William highlighted RCV membership had increased to 93 (up from 57 in 2021, but with some subs outstanding) with funds of £1100.
- Outgoings in the last year primarily consist of website hosting, bank charges and organising the Summer Party and AGM.
- The accounts have been reviewed and passed by the independent auditor.

RCV Committee:-

With Paddy stepping down from the chair role at this AGM the committee would all like to thank him for his excellent leadership and guidance over the last 2 years.

The AGM voted in the new RCV Committee to serve for 2024 as follows:-

Chair – William Hobhouse

Secretary – John Ashbery

Andrew Vickers

Hilary Lee

Lindsay Bray
Gavin Hambrey

Roles and responsibilities will be agreed at the next committee meeting.

We are interested in other members who would like to join the committee, please let us know?

- **Independent Auditor:-** Liz Brealey was thanked for her valuable work for RCV and voted in for another year.
- **Annual Subscription:-** The meeting voted to maintain the current subscription of £10 per year per household or £1 for low-income households.
- **Questions from the floor:-**
 - Concern was raised over the watering of the trees along the riverside path, this was dealt with by Hilary.
 - One of the trees at the Queens Canopy has been snapped and a member asked if football posts could be erected to stop people using the trees, this will be looked into.
 - Concern was raised over the number of rats on the path to Sainsbury's and June Player stated she is escalating this issue.
 - Concern was raised about the amount of visible pollution in the river with one member stating that if she escalated to Wessex Water the problem was soon fixed. Though they claim they are doing nothing. Recommendation was for members who see pollution to call Wessex Water to let them know.
Further investigation on this suggests that that the foam is a natural phenomena caused by decaying vegetation and leaves given the time of year.
- **Thanks to:-**
 - Francis Pyke for an excellent presentation and discussion around Artificial Intelligence.
 - Commanding Officer Captain John Ledgister for the excellent facilities laid on within the Army Reserve Centre, we will certainly be back.... again!

John Ashbery

Secretary

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