

FRIENDS OF FOREST FARM AND GLAMORGANSHIRE CANAL LNR

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 15th April 2015 at Ararat
Centre for the Community, Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff

Committee Present: John Harding - Chairman
Martin Chamberlain – Secretary
Duncan Hockridge – Events Organiser
Pauline Fisher – Membership Secretary
Rosemary Waters
Barry Clarke

Apologies for absence: Phil Baker, Sheila Austin, Matthew Lock,

Members Present : 19

Minutes if the previous meeting: Agreed as a correct record of the AGM

Chairman's report: JH advised that the New Wetlands Area was being developed using funds from Mary's Gillham bequest. A Little Bunting had visited the Reserve and this caused a lot of interest. JH also advised that Dennis Davies who was one of the original founders and past secretary of the 'Friends' had recently died. In addition, the Committee was looking for new members as a long serving member Rosemary Waters was standing down.

Secretary's report. MC advised that the impact of the Council cuts were now becoming clear and that the impact on the city's green spaces would be major. The importance of volunteering would therefore be critical in reducing the impact of these cuts.

Treasurers' report: In the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, MC provided a breakdown of the financial position. MC detailed how to move forward with the canal restoration, and that the Friends of Forest Farm may have to use some of its funding to finance the initial report. It was agreed by members present that we should do this. MC will speak to the Council. Accounts were agreed by membership present.

Membership Secretary's report: The membership secretary advised that the present membership was 363 and thanked the distributors.

Newsletter – The 25th Anniversary edition will be in colour and editor looking for new contributors for articles.

Events organiser: The annual trip was discussed and what was planned for the day.

Election of officers for 2015 – 2016

The Committee advised that they were all willing to stand again and this was agreed by the membership that the Committee should continue in their present role. There was a vote of thanks by the membership for the work undertaken during the year by the Committee.

**FRIENDS OF FOREST FARM COUNTRY PARK AND GLAMORGANSHIRE
CANAL AND LOCAL NATURE RESERVE**

TALK and AGM

**From Rubbish Tip to Nature Reserve: The story of Howardian Nature Reserve
by Martin Mckay**

**At Ararat Centre for the Community, Merthyr Road, Whitchurch Cardiff
7.30 p.m. Wednesday 20th April 2016**

Agenda for AGM

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Report of Officers
4. Presentation of Accounts
5. Election of Officers
6. Any other business

Please note under rule 7.1(F), a member wishing to discuss any other matter under “Any Other Business” is required to give 14 days notice to the Secretary.

Annual Membership Renewal 2016 – 2017

Cheques should be made payable to **Friends of Forest Farm** to the value of **£5.00** and sent to

The Membership Secretary
8 Woodland Road
Cardiff
CF14 2BU

Members Details

Name _____

Address _____

Newsletter by Email? **YES/NO**
(if YES email address) _____