

Friends of Berry Head
Meeting held on 16 May 2017

Present:	Trevor Spratt	Chairman
	Tony Heard	Treasurer
	Noel Hughes	
	Alex Foley	
	Peter Brown	
	Helene Brown	
	Margot Hill	
	Stevie Tyler	
	Ulrike Gerhardt	
	Gwen (Trainee)	
Pippa Williams	Secretary	

Apologies: Mary Foulstone, Tom Canham, Dizzy Child, Michael Pollock, Joan Davies

Minutes

Minutes of the AGM held on 21st March had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved

Matters arising from the minutes

Trevor said that he was still unable to access the records of previous meetings that are archived on the Trust website.

Report from Noel (Reserve)

Noel further reported on the range of seasonal activities being undertaken on the reserve and shared his concerns at the increase in the amount of garden rubbish being discarded.

Trevor further reported on incidents that had come to his attention involving people slipping on the wooden sleepers when trying to access the waste bin opposite the Cafe.

In answer to various questions and queries, Noel confirmed that

1. the seating on the reserve is, in the main, privately owned and permission is required from the owners in order to remove/repair benches. Tracking down the owners often proves time consuming
2. whenever possible, one of the trainee rangers will attend future Friends' meetings

Report from Alex (Cafe)

Alex provided a brief update on cafe activities and forthcoming events and said that a record number of customers had visited the Cafe over the Easter period which had resulted in another very successful Easter Egg hunt and £340 being donated to the Friends'

Alex confirmed that there were always a few customers who objected to dogs being on the premises but pointed out that nowadays, most cafes in the South West welcomed dogs.

Alex went on to update the meeting on the situation concerning our 2018 calendar and various samples were laid round the table. Alex said that a number of quality photographs had already been submitted and hoped that more would be received before entries were due to

close at the end of the month.

Alex hoped it would be possible to sell the calendars from the cafe.

After further discussion, it was agreed

1. to thank Alex and Lucy Foley for their generous donation of £340 to the Friends'
2. that the cost of prizes for next years Easter Egg Hunt should be met by the Friends'
3. to opt for an A3 size calendar with an initial order of 100 copies as an economical option

Project/Group Expenditure

Trevor updated those present on the proposed purchase of the defibrillator and protective weatherproof cabinet. In the light of the possibility that the Trust might be approaching the British Heart Foundation at some stage to purchase defibrillators for its sites, Trevor confirmed he had written to the Director of the Countryside Trust, as agreed at the AGM, to update him on our plans, to enquire how they might fit in with those of the Trust and to seek an early decision on where the defibrillator might be situated.

Trevor and Noel further reported that it was hoped the actual purchase of the equipment would proceed in the same way as the Guillemot camera i.e. with a donation being made to the Trust to make the purchase on our behalf.

Trevor said he had written a letter of thanks to Toms sister in law following her generous donation towards the cost of the purchase of the defibrillator.

Fundraising Initiatives

Alex informed the meeting that the Brixham Harmony Singers would be performing outside the cafe this weekend with any monies raised being donated towards the purchase of the defibrillator.

A plea was made for more books to replenish the depleted stock.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th July