

Compton Dando Community Association

Minutes of meeting 19 January 2022

Held in St Marys Church Compton Dando 7.30 pm

1. **Attendees:** Sarah Wilson (Chair), Hannah Maggs (Secretary), Barend ter Haar (Secretary), Chris Dibble, Harriette Dottridge, Alice Prescott, Maureen Collings, Kel Gough, Alison ter Haar, Lorna Howarth, Clive Howarth, Matt Jones, Steph Butler, Chris Daubney, Liz Stanbury, Paul Eavis, Mel Eavis
2. **Apologies for absence:** Brian Vowles
3. **Welcome:** Sarah welcomed the attendees, especially those attending for the first time, and set out the objectives for the evening.
She acknowledged the considerable contributions that Steve Rendell had brought to the village until he left in December. This included the Churchyard Working Party organisation, artwork creation for village events, being a bell ringer, organisation of the earlier open garden events, amongst other activities. It was reported that he would be thanked with a photo book at the next coffee morning.
It was agreed that Ron Waker's contribution to the village would be marked by a sign for Ron's border **Action: Sarah**
4. **Minutes of August 2021 meeting:** Accepted as circulated
5. **Matters Arising from the minutes:**
 - i. **Collage of photos** of villagers had been created and now hung on Parish Hall wall. Alison thanked for organising this.
 - ii. **Bug Hotel:** Alison reported that materials had been collated, and a date for construction to be confirmed **Action: Alison**
 - iii. **Litter picking:** Alison had agreed to circulate a map for people to 'adopt' stretches of local roads to keep the litter down between the annual litter pick organised in February each year. This will be done shortly **Action: Alison**
 - iv. **Gazebo repairs:** Harriette confirmed that John had carried these out. The Dottridges were thanked for sorting this.
 - v. **The Village Welcome booklet** had not yet been placed on the village website, but Alison indicated that this would be done shortly **Action: Alison**
 - vi. **Recycling.** Barend updated the meeting, following his meeting with Tim Rawlings of B&NES: key elements that had come out of this was that villagers should have two green recycling bins in addition to the blue cardboard bag, and the small black kitchen waste bin. One green bin should be used for paper and glass, and the other for tins and aluminium (of any size) and hard plastics (including pill foil covered blister packs). Barend reported that he's summarised this in an article to be printed in the February issue of the Parish News.
 - vii. **Village Walk** – covered later in the agenda
 - viii. **Quiz night** – Alice and Alison reported that again this had been a great success, and had made a profit for CDCA funds
 - ix. **AGM and speaker** – The addition of Kel to the committee was noted and welcomed; Ron Waker's contributions to the village noted and appreciated as he had now come off the committee. The guest speaker, Karen Macdonald from Crimestoppers, had given an informative 30 minute talk. Harriette was thanked for organising this.

- x. **Craft Days:** Harriette reported that the craft days she had run at the end of 2021, and earlier in January had been a success, and after the next one on 8 February, she expected a financial surplus which would go to CDCA funds. Harriette was thanked for her ongoing efforts in this area.

- xi. **ZCC activities** – covered later in the agenda

6. Financial overview

Hannah reported that quite large sums were held in the CDCA account, which included at any one time £2000 to £6000 of grant funds raised by ZCC, and £4000 for the fireworks fund. Currently there was around £1000 of unallocated CDCA funds available.

7. Governance

The pre-circulated paper was discussed, and the principles proposed, and agreed, and that the Constitution be updated to cover the key aspects of how individual group activities, such as the fireworks, Youth Group, ZCC, etc would continue to be encompassed and protected. Reinstatement of the Youth Group was a possibility with the number of new younger arrivals in the village – different requirements for infant and primary level youngsters from teenagers. **Action: Matt to discuss with relevant parents**

ZCC's aims need to be formalised – to be based on the ZCC website page.

Proposed revisions to the Constitution would be drafted **Action: Sarah and Barend**

8. ZCC update

Clive and Matt updated the meeting:

- i. Grants had been obtained to be able to carry out thermal surveys of up to 28 properties to ascertain where improvements could be made to reduce energy costs. These surveys would be starting shortly.
- ii. Funding was available within ZCC funds for some limited improvements such as draft-proofing and LED light bulbs
- iii. ZCC has a thermal camera which can be borrowed by villagers to assess their own properties – contact Clive to access this
- iv. Harriette and Matt are researching creating a reference list of who has which tools they would be prepared to lend to other villagers
- v. Barend is researching the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points on Fairy Hill and in the pub car park

9. S137 Grant ideas

Each year the Parish Council has a grant fund available for bodies to apply for financial support for additions that would benefit the parishioners. (The new benches along the Chew were supported this year, for example, as was the thermal camera). Interests in applying need to be in by the end of January, and the formal paperwork by the end of March.

For the 2021-22 grant, the meeting agreed that CDCA should apply to replace two of the 20 year old picnic benches in the plantation at a cost of ca £400 each. **Action: Barend to make the application**

Harriette asked whether a grant could be sought to deal with the trees that were damaging the wall on the south side of the bottom of Bathford Hill. Since these were on private land and the responsibility of the landowner, this would not qualify for S137 grant coverage.

Steph offered to discuss this with Simon Kinnersly to ask if he would arrange for the trees to be cut back at least to hedge height. **Action: Steph**

10. Calendar

Various activities were discussed, and dates selected as per the table below.

- i. **Coffee morning and CDCA meetings** had already been set for the year

- ii. Dates for the **Church Yard Working Parties** were agreed. (The June date will move to the May date if the fete is held in June.) Kel offered to take ownership of their organisation, which was unanimously agreed
- iii. **Fete:** Sarah collected names of those offering to form a working party to agree what we could put on this year. Tentatively 2 July, but a suggestion after meeting was that Jubilee weekend on 4 June might be more appropriate this year.
- iv. Clive offered to arrange a **village walk**, tentatively for 10 April, depending on the state of the bluebells
- v. Harriette has her next **Craft Day** on 8 February, and would arrange more in the autumn
- vi. **Platinum Jubilee** weekend 2-5 June.
Joy Webb is planning to prepare 7 flower arrangements to depict each decade that the Queen has been on the throne. **Agreed** that CDCA would provide £100 towards the costs. It was suggested that maybe the occasion could be broadened into more of a flower festival.
There would be a beacon on 2 June. **Action: Hannah**
Matt would contact the teenager group in the village to find out what they would be interested in for the weekend. **Action: Matt**
- vii. **Annual litter pick** will start by meeting at 10am outside the Parish Hall on 20 February - with soup at Harriette's after **Action: Sarah**
- viii. **Quiz night:** Alive and Alison will organise this again in November, with the date selected so as not to clash with Bath Rugby home game once known. **Action: Alice and Alison**
- ix. Last autumn a couple of guest speakers were not able to talk on the evening of the AGM, but would be happy to address the village. Sarah has suggested that we put on a couple of "**Evenings with**", and invite Andrew Hillman to tell us about the work that he's carried out in Lords Wood, and Clive Smith to talk around beekeeping. Barend offered to help with organising. **Action: Sarah and Barend**
- x. It was agreed that we would have a **Christmas Lights switch-on** ceremony before Christmas **Action: Clive and Matt**
- xi. It was noted that the **Cricket Club** intended to have their village match on 10 or 11 September.
- xii. Sarah indicated that we should look to have an **Open Gardens** event again in 2023, but announcing this now so that villagers can start preparing now! **Action: All**

11. Date of next meeting:

6 April

12. AOB

It was **agreed** to make a donation of £10 to the church for the cost of heating for the meeting

