

FILTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Minutes: Saturday 11 January 2020

1. **Attendees:** Dave Mikkelson, Jackie Burton, Beryl Brand, Brian Smith, Pat Smith, Betty Eelsden, Sylvia Mikkelson, Helen Johnson, Darryl Collins, Annemarie Gäbler, Susan Isherwood, Anne Kenyon
2. **Apologies:** Peter Sellek, Mike Waines, Janet Hillier
3. **Minutes of previous meeting 09/11/2019** were approved
4. Dave gave an update on Mike Waines, the Committee were glad to hear he was on the mend and would hopefully be back attending meetings in the future.
5. **Matters arising not on the Agenda**
 - **Tools** - DM has installed another smaller toolbox by the tap with the same lock code as the existing one.
 - **Trees** - FTC will be having another tree survey and taking down the dead elms (in the rockery) and the silver birches (in the top dentist corner) will be discussed. We still intend to replace the silver birches with a statement tree. Jackie asked if where trees are taken down there may be opportunity for more sculptures.
 - **The Great British Elm Experiment** - our elm tree has died. DM has informed the funding project and will remove it. The experiment advised that 10% of trees do not survive so we have just been unlucky. We discussed the possibility of hosting another elm tree for the experiment.
 - **UWE Bristol Fund** - [the fund](#) awards grants of up to £3,000 for community partnership projects. HJ as UWE staff member is in a position to apply for the fund if we have a likely project. It was decided to look into this for a future round of funding for a community project which includes FACE young people, garden volunteers and students - ideas from the committee on what this might be welcome.

6. **Filton Town Council's Proposal for Councillors on the Community Garden Committee.**

DM wrote to FTC Clerk before our November AGM with our suggestion to allow two Councillors to become Committee members and therefore eligible to vote and the other four they put forward to be volunteers with no voting rights. Having not received a response from the Town Clerk Dave asked her what action she had taken to which she advised that she had not taken it any further. No further Councillors attended the AGM so Anne and Darryl continue as committee members. Darryl (FTC Chair) clarified he is involved as an interested resident rather than an FTC representative. It appears on FTC website that there are six representatives listed:

Community Garden – Town Clerk and Darryl Collins, Anne Kenyon, Keith Briffett, Ailsa Johnstone, Andy Robinson.

DM will bring this to the next FTC meeting to clarify the website entry and to reiterate that we welcome interest and involvement in the garden but restrict 'FTC representatives' on the committee to two.

7. Mural

SGS College students started work on the Mural in November. Progress has been slow due to bad weather, holidays and student/staff availability. Changes have been made to the design with a light background colour and painting rather than 'etching'. DM will contact for an update on their work schedule.

8. MUGA

FTC recently made an application for funds for a MUGA (multi use games area) and have been awarded £95,000 towards this. The plan submitted for the MUGA, which dates back to a previous project in 2012, would accommodate football, basketball, tennis, netball etc within a caged area. There are obvious impacts on the Community Garden if the MUGA is positioned replacing the tennis courts as the 2012 plans suggest. This would make the perimeter to the garden adjacent to the tennis court walls unuseable and would destroy existing beds and the mural. DM will bring this up at the next FTC meeting demanding involvement in the redrawing of plans if the MUGA is sited on the tennis courts and demanding compensation.

9. Work to do in the Garden

DM and Sylv have been keeping the garden tidy. DM is spreading bark on the paths. Betty has been composting the long border. Leaf clearing has finished for the year and it was noted that we had help from some drop in volunteers during the autumn.

10. A.O.B

- **Easter bunny trail** - DM and Sylv will make a number of 'bunnies' and position in the garden for children to search out during the Easter holidays.
- **Owl sculpture** - DM will give it a re-oil treatment
- **IYN Award certificate** - as we did not collect from the awards ceremony in Newquay last October HJ is chasing up with SW in Bloom and hopes to receive the 2019 certificate showing our 'distinction grade' in due course.
- **Lockleaze Community centre** - no progress on proposed meeting date. DM and Brian Smith to coordinate on this.

Date of Next Meeting 8 February 2020