



# BEMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Bembridge Friendship Circle Group meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 10am in the Parish Office

**Present:** Cllr M Donlon, Mr M Batin, Mr P Wray, Mrs E Goldring (Secretary) and Mrs J McDade (Treasurer) **Public:** 2

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence  
Apologies received from Cllr Reeder and Mr Tarrant

### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To receive for approval minutes of the Bembridge Friendship Circle meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
**RESOLVED:** Approved minutes of the Bembridge Friendship Circle meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### 3. ACCOUNTS

To note accounts up to June 2017  
Accounts for year ending 2016-17:

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016-17

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	£		£	£
Opening Balance	4,566.22				
Coffee Morning		1273.78	Fuel	697.39	
Hire		1922.00	Services/Repairs	3,235.68	
Donations		263.40	Road Tax	235.00	
Grants		2000.00	Garage	78.87	
Lottery		498.75	Insurances	1,969.45	
Bank Interest		0.00	Lottery	356.00	
			Coffee Morning	740.00	
			Miscel	31.97	
			<b>Closing Balances:</b>		
			<b>Balances in Bank Account</b>		<b>3,179.79</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,566.22</b>	<b>6,100.68</b>	<b>10,666.90</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,344.36</b>
					<b>3,179.79</b>
					<b>10,524.15</b>

Accounts upto 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017:

Date	Supplier	Ref	Payments	Receipts	Balance
1st Apr	Opening Balance				3,179.79
05-Apr	St Helens Primary	500250		40.00	3,219.79

10-Apr	Tesco	DC	81.60	<b>3,138.19</b>	<b>10/04/2017</b>
12-Apr	Lottery	500251	198.00	3,336.19	
19-Apr	Lunch Club	500252	595.75	3,931.94	
01-Apr	Village Hall	bacs	49.00	3,882.94	
04-May	Tesco	DC	30.40	<b>3,852.54</b>	<b>09/05/2017</b>

£17,261.41 in the Instant Access account for future purchase of a new minibus. Audit has taken place with no concerns raised.

#### 4. UPDATE ON ACTIONS

Update on actions from 16<sup>th</sup> January meeting

#### ACTIONS

- Mark to forward invoicing details to Jacqui who will get the invoices issued up to date - system now in place between Mark and Jacqui
- Emma will look into where the charity can place the instant access money, high interest or ISA – restrictions as to where a charity can put money, but Lloyds do have a High Interest Account which we could use. **RESOLVED:** Put £15,000 into High Interest Account for 2 years
- Jacqui will look into new lottery tickets – discuss later in agenda
- Jacqui will advertise the coffee mornings and bus travel in Parish News, Community Notice Facebook page, Welcome Store TV, Beacon and Annual Report. – need new posters to catch people’s attention
- Order banner for coffee mornings – being used
- Constitution to be forwarded to the group for discussion at next meeting - sent
- 6 month service at Fairlee in February - complete
- Re-advertise for driver volunteers in the Spring – enough drivers at present

#### 5. COFFEE MORNING

To review and discuss Coffee Mornings

The new banner is attracting some new people and hopefully the new A Board (funded by the Dragons Den) will also help. Problem organising the volunteers and knowing who is going to turn up for coffee mornings, there was a rota at one time but that was a few years ago. Not enough volunteers so need to advertise/recruit more. Need to advertise the event more and have a new brighter poster. Poster needed in the library and on all the notice boards around the village. Ask a few Parish Councillors to attend the Coffee Mornings and could look at getting other guests. Could arrange for visits to places on the Island eg: Godshill, Naturezones, Christmas Lights etc. This would be good and would like to arrange in the near future a visit to Naturezones, Blackwater on a Wednesday in September.

#### 6. LOTTERY

To review and discuss the Lottery

The lottery made £142.75 last year after purchasing tickets and a licence. Is a lot of work for not a lot of return need to look at something different. Already have a raffle at each coffee morning. A 100 Club fund raising scheme works well at the Catholic Church and Con Club. Payments could be made for the year and would raise more money. Could be an extra prize if person is at the draw? We have lottery tickets till the end of the year, but could test the 100 Club in November/December for start in January. Would take less work and could be extended to get more participants.

#### 7. COMMUNITY BUS

To review and discuss the running of the Community Bus

Usage has gone up which is good but niggles with tidiness now arise. Recently a Government Community Transport Scheme was giving away mini-buses, this has now closed but have put an alert on website if it comes up again. Could look at Awards for All for a £10k grant? Need to be looking at getting a new vehicle in the next 2 years. Looking at around £20-30K for a new mini-bus mainly because of the lift needed, though present one is still working well but bodywork could cause concern. MOT next month and work is needed on the back step and the bits box.

**8. VOLUNTEERS**

To discuss need for volunteers

Van drivers not required at present but need volunteers for the Coffee Meetings. Will get new posters organised and Emma will visit next Coffee Morning. Will get poster to Silver Sands.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nothing

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – late October**

To confirm date and venue of next meeting

**Actions:**

- Jacqui will do new Coffee Morning posters and distribute around the village
- Emma will attend the Coffee Morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Emma will arrange for £15,000 to be put into a High Interest Account
- Speak with Cllr Weedall about Naturezones and how we go about organising a trip there
- Organise a programme of events/visits
- Emma will draw up the rules of a 100 Club scheme and will look to start later this year
- MOT in August and work needed on the step and bit box