



Fleetville Diaries Committee Minutes

October 7th 2015
Business

7.30pm, 53 Cambridge Road

Present: DD, MN, LB, PE, LH, DW
Action

1. Review of 2014 – 15 FD Action Plan

Public Awareness The new calendar was successfully publicised in January with a poster and leaflet campaign but no-one has come forward to manage the digital aspects of this.

Membership The change to running membership from January to January has worked well.

Local Engagement

The Cambridge Road project has worked very well with better-than-expected response.

Website

No progress made.

New Talks to take to local groups

Mike and Liz have been busy. Demand from local groups has been surprising. Mike has about 8 talks and Liz has 3. Income from these talks will probably reach £200 by the end of 2015.

Members' Stories

We have had two good sessions led by members about their family and house histories.

Links with Highfield Trust

The tree planting went ahead successfully.

Social Event

The July garden party was a huge success.

2. Finances

Our current balance stands at £1153.54.

Membership and fees from walks are about the same as last year. Income from talks and from a lump sum of £600 (from the break-up of the Fleetville Festival Trust) have boosted our funds.

3. Our Action Plan for 2015 -2016.

Some of this was dealt with in our 2014-2015 Review.

4. Ideas for speakers in 2016

They included subjects like Cambridge Road, Nicholson's, Camp Hill, an historic film evening, and a couple we could glean from the Local History Conference this month.

5. Date of next meeting

- *It was decided to wait until the Community Centre website and social media are up and running before progressing with this. Meanwhile, we should try to make a Wikipedia entry for FD. Liz will finally go ahead and create a business card for FD so all Committee members can pass them round at relevant events. Liz to think about doing a social media course at Computer Friendly.*
- *We resolved, in future, to use a receipt book, and to delay the January guest speaker until 8pm to allow half an hour of enrolment. It was agreed also that tick boxes on registers would be added to ask guests to show how they found out about our activities.*
- *One of our 2016 evenings will be dedicated to this subject and should bring in more interest. Future Street History projects will come under the banner of 'Right Up Our Street'. The next street to be considered could be Camp View Road.*
- *Liz hopes to take a web building course in the new year which will be funded by FD and possibly F Harmony.*
- *In future, FD speakers will ask for donations rather than charge a fee. A list of these talks will be published on the FD website. The possibility of running reminiscence sessions with the elderly will be explored.*
- *Can we appeal to members for someone to run an actual 'Fleetville Diary' of 2016?*
- *The possibility of having some sort of tree label/plaque to indicate our partnership with the HT was discussed.*
- *Liz will approach Terry about running it again next year.*
- *We will strive to retain a healthy balance and not go mad! It does mean, however, that investment in training and using local sources for such things as printing, are possible.*
- *Liz to draft an Action Plan in preparation for next meeting based on today's discussions.*
- *The idea, from Mike, that we might have a couple of further meetings during the summer months needs further thought.*
- **Thursday, November 12th 2015 - 7.30pm at 53 Cambridge Road**

