



Loggerheads & District Befrienders Minutes of

AGM 11th October 2019

Attendees: Ann McCullagh (Chair) Jan Knight (Secretary) John Knight (Treasurer)
Jane Newton (Vice Chair)
Committee Members: Jill Cheadle Jayne Conn Karen Watkins Steve Carter Anthony Deere

Befrienders: Shielah Clisby, Ruth Gibbons, Micki Archer, Jan Pownall,
Friends: Yvette Boddy, I Taylor, Pauline Capper, Barbara Dent, Eunice Armstrong,
Rosemary Martin, Lilian Tinsley, Mary Warner, Marlene Tomkinson, Joan
Tomkinson, Holleen Breeze, Pat Garrett, Susan Coley, Wendy Macris, Irene Tyler,
June Bennion, Olive Beech, Karen Edge, Anne Stockton, June Tittensor,

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Bob Dickson, Una Appleton, Gill McNally and Jenny Franklin.

2. Minutes of AGM 2018

3. The minutes for the 2018 AGM were approved

4. Chairman's Report

Welcome everyone to this AGM. I shall leave Jayne, Steve, and John to give reports on Funmobility, Games and Finances.

During the year Steve and Anthony became trustees of the charity and joined the Committee adding their varied expertise. The Committee now totals 9 and normally meets on a monthly basis. In March Jean Allen, Mary Warner and Marlene Tomkinson attended the Committee meeting and we sought their thoughts on the programme of events. We will issue this invite to Friends again in 2020.

On average, 20 to 30 Friends attend the various activities on the Friday Coffee Mornings. Some Befrienders have given very interesting presentations about their travels all over the world. We have enjoyed a poetry reading morning when Friends brought their own choice of poems and we hope to do more in the future.

We have linked up with the Hugo Meynell School for a traditional Christmas lunch in December, when the children serenaded us as well as giving us 'Silver Service' standard service. During the year a group of children came to a coffee morning and entertained us with beautiful singing. We also joined them on the National Poetry Day recently and were treated to afternoon tea before the readings.

Members of the Methodist Church invited us to a mouth-watering afternoon tea with entertainment in January. Visits to their afternoon teas are always a real treat.

The main day trips out were to the Wollerton Old Hall Garden in May and, luckily, it didn't rain!

A group of people also visited the meaningful Poppy display at Middleport in August.

John and Jan Knight showed us their fabulous garden at Tyrely Locks and treated us to afternoon tea.

The rain didn't arrive till we had gone home but it was pretty windy! They have offered this as an annual event if Friends wish.

We spent many months making craft items for the Befriender stall we ran at the Community Fete in July and although we did not make as much money as we had hoped the Craft sessions themselves were very enjoyable. Also at the Fete Friends and Befrienders alike gave a very lively Funmobility demonstration to which members of the public also joined in.

Befrienders continue to visit people in their homes and contacting Friends by phone.

During 2018 we updated all our policies and procedures, Volunteer Guides and Friends and Befrienders Agreements in order to comply with the new Data Protection Act.

Lastly, the 'thank yous' which are very important and sincere.

Thanks to the Fire Service for allowing us to hold most get-togethers here.

Thanks to Una, who answers our telephone line. This is almost a full time role and her care and dedication is invaluable.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers for all the work you do and all the time you give. We all work together to provide the best service possible.

And thank you to all of you. We hope you keep coming to events.

We are always very glad to have more volunteer Befrienders so please, if you know anyone who would like to become involved in whatever capacity, urge them to get in touch. 07523512934

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5. Financial Report for year ending 30th June 2019

There was a satisfactory surplus for the year of £366.66 on total income of £7,825.36. Special thanks are due to Drayton Action for Health for their generous grant of £1,000 and to Councillor Paul Northcott for a grant of £300 towards the cost of fun mobility equipment.

There were general donations of £1,069.36, raffle income of £391.95 and the balance of income came from Silver Diners and Community Fire Station events.

Special thanks also to those befrienders who submit expense claims so that our true costs can be properly recorded but do not seek payment.

The current year is proceeding in similar vein and we are benefitting from some new income from craft sales thanks to the efforts of our friends at our craft afternoons. It is likely however that our expenses will increase as the success of our coffee mornings and fun mobility sessions mean that we are outgrowing the Community Fire Station and will likely incur costs to hire alternative venues.

6. Silver Diners

Silver Diners continued to increase in popularity in 2018 with average attendance up to 30 from 25 the previous year. Favourite venues such as Festival Drayton, The Peel and Hungersheath remain popular but we have also tried out new one's including Fletchers & Bridgemere Garden Centres with enough time to enjoy a wander as well as a meal.

Each year the organisation has become a little easier and we have made good use of the Community Minibus for every Silver Diners meal. Thanks to our drivers, in particular Steve, who drives on a regular basis.

Fun Mobility Report for AGM

Friday 25/10/2019

It's now been 18 months since we started doing our fun mobility armchair exercises to music.

I am pleased to report that feedback remains positive and the exercise routines popular, especially when we use the cheer leaders Pom Poms!

In July a group of friends, befrienders and relatives gave a demonstration of some of our routines at Loggerheads Summer Fair. What a delight and a great success! Doreen, myself and the committee were so proud of the demonstration of how far we have all come in such a short time.

Our aim for the next 12 months is to continue to enjoy our exercise and improve our mobility, balance and strength, but more importantly sing along to the music and have fun.

We are aiming to enable, those of you that can, to further enjoy the exercises and improve by completing them standing or supported. This will be achieved if we are able to have the room to do these exercises safely. You will be aware that we are exploring the possibilities of a new venue for us to meet and I'm sure that you will be kept informed as this progresses.

All that remains is for Doreen and myself to thank you all for taking part, your enthusiasm, ideas and music requests.

Jayne.

7. Games report 2019.

The monthly games afternoon attracts between twelve and fifteen core attendees which is considerable reduction in numbers over the previous year.

The jigsaw puzzles have seen a small renaissance and I would like to offer my thanks the friends who have donated new options over the year.

There is still appears to be no interest in the books that have been donated. However, they are still available in the storeroom if this situation changes.

We have a good variety of games but the same few favourites remain popular including Tri-ominoes, Scrabble and dominoes. The most important issue being that everyone who attends has an enjoyable time.

This submission would not be complete without expressing my personal thanks to Sheilah, the invaluable help, and efforts in trying to keep my behaviour in order during the sessions ensure our events run efficiently.

Steve Carter

8. Election of Officers

The current officers were re-elected.

Ann McCullagh – Chair, Jane Newton Vice-Chair, John Knight – Treasurer, Jan Knight – Secretary, Karen Watkins, Jane Conn and Jill Cheadle as Committee members.

9. AOB

Date of next meeting – Sept/October 2019