

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD, Meeting of 20th November 2017

Present: Dave Brookes, Clare Gould, Gillian Allen, Martin Luke, Jane Swan, Mike Swan.

Apologies: Geoff Easton, Frances Tordoff.

Minutes of previous meeting: held on 2nd October 2017 were approved.

Matters Arising: The boarding for the ceiling of the workshop was discussed, with ply preferred to plasterboard because of the level of damp in the building. The ply would have to be waterproof and light in weight but thick enough to retain its shape.

Recent Developments:

Break-in - On Thursday 9th November, after dark but early, about 5-6 pm, there was a break-in at the workshop and the generator was stolen. Dave and Duncan did an emergency repair within the hour, and this has been replaced since with a more permanent repair by Paul Speight. The matter has been reported to the police and an incident number obtained.

Graffiti - Today, 20 November, we found graffiti on the door repair and on the bench, and the compost bin lid was pulled from the wall. The graffiti has now been removed and the compost lid put back in place.

Security and Insurance: Much of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of security arrangements, police involvement and insurance matters.

Funding: There are funding opportunities available to pay for the ply for the ceiling as well as the large doors of the workshop.

Dementia Friends Workshop: A reminder that the Fairfield Association is working towards becoming a dementia-friendly organisation and will be holding meetings starting Thursday 23rd November, more information in Julia Salmon's email of 12th November.

Lancaster & District Family History Group: The LFHG has invited Jane to speak about Aldcliffe Road and the Triangle at their AGM on Wednesday February 7th 2018. She may also consider offering an extended version of the talk, possibly in 2019 to coincide with the canal's bicentenary.

Volunteer Session: The next session will be Sunday 26th November at 2pm. Jobs will include removal of bird boxes for cleaning, reattaching the compost bin lid, clearing of leaves. The pumping system and the pergola posts remain outstanding jobs.

Date of next scheduled meeting: 7:30 pm on Monday 5th February 2018, although an earlier meeting could be called if events warrant it.