



Minutes of BTF meeting - Monday 6th Jan 2020 at Redland Church Hall, Redland, Bristol

Meeting starts 1930 hrs. MA welcomes everybody.

1. **Present:** M Ashdown (MA), John Tarlton (JT), Stephanie French (SH), Sean Harding (SH), Chris Wallace (CW), Colin Palmer (CP) + Graham Balfrey (GB)
2. **Apologies** Vassili Papastavrou & Jim Smith
3. **Review of 2019 AGM.**

- a. SF mentions that she has had no reply to her Email to the Deputy Mayor, Asher Craig.
- b. Brief discussion about communication pathways to BCC tree officers. Who should we be reporting tree issues to? JT talking about amended update on tree planting. Ask Deputy Mayor about developing better relationships with council. Suggested VP speak with her.

*Note - Following recent contact with BCC, we have been advised to report all tree issues to the council contact centre on **0117 9222100** (option 4 for trees and allotments) or use the web forms for enquiries. We should also always use the Council's [Report a problem with a tree](#) web page to report all issues involving trees. This will then go directly to the relevant officer in the Parks team or the planning Arboriculturalists.*

4. **Discussed dates for future meetings.**
 - a. All agreed that they will be 1st Monday every second month starting on 2nd of March next.
5. **Treasury report.**
 - a. JT confirms that there is currently £1,135 in the acct. MA announced that there will be a further £5,000 coming from a recent Woodland Trust grant.
6. **Other Officers' reports**



- a. CW asking about the possibility of adding a PayPal donation button on our Web Sites. MA/CW/JT to discuss.

7. Review of trees

- a. CW discussing Trees of Bristol and how can its use be promoted further within BTF. A possible workshop?

8. 2020 S106 / CIL

- a. MA has started producing a new list of S106 fund available for planting in 20/21. He will resend to the committee.

9. New BTF Logo.

- a. Discuss current designs and all agree we should await amended designs before a decision is made.

10. 2020 Tree of the Year Competition.

- a. MA suggests there may be a possibility of tagging on to Woodland Trust Tree of the year competition. He will contact them to raise the possibility.
- b. Committee members should have a think about the competition and bring thoughts/ideas to next meeting.

11. Tree Champion Training

- a. SF asking about numbers for planning workshop and discussing her aims for the course. It is agreed that the course will go ahead even though Tree Champion confirmation numbers are low.

12. AOB

- a. JT reports on the recent Lower Ashley Road Maple tree fellings. VP is meeting the mayor later in the week.

Meeting ends 21:00