**Cam Valley Arts Trail Meeting Minutes 13th March 2014**

**AGM Minutes**

**Present:**

Karen George (chair), Sophie Piddock (treasurer), Lucy Empson (secretary), Kate Westcott, , Helen Rushton, Virginia Lake, Jo Eddleston, Terry Bridgeman, Ashley Sands, Sheila Richardson, Martyn Rumary, Pam Shellard, Clive Shellard, Richard Lane, Frank Reeves, Nathaniel Bugs

**1.Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies: Diane Walker, Karen Kilpartrick, Ellen Holt, John Holbrook, Lila Streether, Jackie Maundrell-Hall, Josie Meaking, Pam Wilmott, John Hayboe, Brenda Fisher, Heather Kingman, Jonathan Pearce, Pauline Palmer, Mat Rich, Andrew Eddleson, Mark Rushton, Sarah Drew, Pam Wilmott.

**2. Approval of Minutes/First AGM**

1. There are no previous minutes as this is the first AGM for the Cam Valley Arts Trail.

**3. Chairs Report**

1. See attached Chairs report.
2. There are particular thanks to the other members of the committee.
3. The chair also thanked the sponsors for the first Arts Trail and also the sponsors for this year, Paulton Parish Council and Cllr Jeremy Sparks.

**4. Treasurer’s Report**

1. See attached ‘Financial Statement 2013’ and ‘Summary of Cheques written to date’ report.
2. The grant funding and sponsorship received to date , along with the surplus from holding the Trail last year, means there is already more funding in place at this time of the year than the same position last year.

**5. Approval of 2013/14 Accounts**

1. The accounts were approved by a show of hands. The Treasurer to sign the reports for the records.
2. Confirmed that the accounts do not need to be audited.

**6. Nomination of Committee Members for 2014/15**

1. All the committee members from the last year 2013/14 are willing to stand for the next year. There are up to 10 places for committee members.
2. Chair: Karen George. Nominated by Sophie Piddock. Seconded by Sheila Richardson.
3. Treasurer: Sophie Piddock. Nominated by Helen Rushton. Seconded by Martin Rumary.
4. Secretary: Lucy Empson. Nominated by Kate Westcott. Seconded by Terry Bridgeman.
5. Committee Member: Kate Westcott. Nominated Jo Eddleson. Seconded by Frank Reeves.
6. Committee Member: Helen Rushton. Nominated by Kate Westcott. Seconded by Lucy Empson.
7. Committee Member: Sheila Richardson. Nominated by Sophie Piddock. Seconded by Kate Westcott.
8. All the above 6 committee members were unanimously voted and approved by all present the meeting.

**7. Proposed Constitution Amendments (Membership Proposals)**

1. See attached’ Proposed Constitution Amendments’ and ‘membership’ proposals reports.
2. Proposal A ‘Individuals will be invited to join as members and will renew that membership on an annual basis. The year will run from April 1st-March 31st’. Unanimously voted and approved by all present the meeting.
3. Proposal B ‘Members will be charged a nominal membership subscription of £10 each year. This fee will be reassessed on an annual basis and agreed at each Cam Valley Arts Trail Group Annual General Meeting for the following year’. Unanimously voted and approved by all present the meeting.
4. Proposal C ‘A Management Committee member will be nominated annually at the AGM to be the point of contact for new members and hold the membership list’. Unanimously voted and approved by all present the meeting.
5. Membership Secretary: Sheila Richardson. Nominated by Karen George. Seconded by Sophie Piddock.
6. Proposal D ‘Amendment of wording in Section 4b of the Constitution to read ‘termination for reasons detrimental to the Group’. Unanimously voted and approved by all present the meeting.

**8. AOB**

1. Membership application forms are available from Sheila. Please complete the forms and make the payment by cheque or cash and return to Sheila. Please request a receipt if required. Sheila will complete the membership list. An email with membership information will be circulated.
2. Spring Event at Congyre Hall on 26th April 2014. All members of the Cam Valley Arts Trail are able to apply for a pitch/table. Information on booking will be on the website. Members are encouraged to take part in this fundraising day, either by exhibiting or assisting with the tea/cakes stall. Ginny will co-ordinate the refreshments. To apply to take part please contact Karen.
3. Cam Valley Arts Trail will be on the 1st and 2nd November 2014
4. Schools Workshops Autumn 2014. The group has approached 7 local primary schools in the Cam Valley Trail area to be involved in artist workshops at their schools in September or October before the Arts Trail weekend in November. There has been an encouraging response from the schools, and some would also like to open over the weekend to exhibit the childrens artworks. More information on taking part in the workshops will be made available at the next committee meetings.
5. Publicity at local Spring and Summer events. Can all members help to compile a calendar of local events taking place in the months leading up to the Arts Trail weekend. Events such as annual Flower Shows, Village Days and School Fetes will be an opportunity to publicise the Trail.

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Monday 31st March at the Railway Inn, Clutton