**Cam Valley Arts Trail Meeting Minutes 19th March 2015**

**AGM Minutes**

**Present:**

Karen George (chair), Sophie Piddock (treasurer), Kate Westcott, , Helen Rushton, Ginny Lake, Jo Eddleston, Sheila Richardson, Martyn Rumary, , Richard Lane, Diana Connor, Michelle Cattanach, Andrew Lansley, Linda O'Gorman

**1.Welcome & Apologies**

Apologies: Lucy Empson (secretary), Jacqui Howell, Lila Streether, John Hayhoe, Karen Aniola, Ashley Sands, Pauline Palmer, Pam Shellard, Clive Shellard, Jenny Lancaster, Alena Bissinger, Ann Robb, Christine Weaver, Terry Bridgeman, Andrew Eddleston, Sheila Watkins

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

1. The AGM meetings from 13th March 2014 were approved & signed.

**3. Chairs Report**

1. See attached Chairs report.
2. There are particular thanks to Helen Rushton who is standing down from the committee, the other members of the committee and Ginny for help with grants.

**4. Treasurer’s Report**

1. See attached ‘Financial Statement 2015' Balance £924.44 but this will reduce to approx £500 after cheques written are cashed. Approx the same position as last year.
2. Sophie confirmed that Lloyds now permits groups to have an online account - Sophie & Lucy (signatories to fill out forms) This welcomed as at present committee members have been having to pay for items up front and then be reimbursed.
3. Sophie and Karen have donated their school workshop expenses (£30 each) back into the group funds specifically to be used towards advertising in our local Parish Magazines.
4. Grants applied for this year include; Paulton Parish Council (£150), High Littleton & Hallatrow Village Day (£85) and Waitrose(?). Ginny has researched an arts grant forwarded by Andrew Eddleston but unfortunately it is only for a specific 2 weeks in May so we don't qualify for it.
5. The grant funding received to date; Clutton Parish Council £100
6. Sponsorship - all to seek sponsorship as grants likely to be lower than last year.
7. Insurance costs for 2015 will be lower as Committee have sourced a combined policy via Naturesave which will be approx £250 cheaper than last year. All non member participants will require their own individual public liability insurance for the trail event.

**5. Approval of 2014/15 Accounts**

1. A question was raised about outstanding pitch fees (£75) for the arts trail - Sophie confirmed that outstanding payments by artists were being chased. There were no other items raised. The Treasurer to sign the reports for the records.

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

1. All the committee members except Helen Rushton from the last year 2014/15 are willing to stand for the next year. There are up to 10 places for committee members.
2. Chair: Karen George. Nominated by Helen Rushton. Seconded by Sophie Piddock
3. Treasurer: Sophie Piddock. Nominated by Kate Westcott. Seconded by Martyn Rumary.
4. Secretary: Lucy Empson. Nominated by Sheila Richardson. Seconded by Sophie Piddock
5. Committee Member: Kate Westcott. Nominated Jo Eddleston. Seconded by Diana Connor
6. Committee Member: Sheila Richardson (membership). Nominated by Sophie Piddock. Seconded by Kate Westcott.
7. Committee Member: Jacqui Howell (Publicity). Nominated by Sheila Richardson. Seconded by Karen George
8. All the above 6 committee members were unanimously voted and approved by all present the meeting.

**7. Proposed Constitution Amendments**

1. See attached’ Proposed Constitution Amendments’

Proposal A

Amendment to section 2) of the constitution to read:

2) Aim.

'The aim of the Group shall be to promote the arts, and support local artists and craftspeople that live & work in our area.'

in place of ;

2)Aim.

'The aim of the Group shall be to promote the work of local artists and craftspeople that live & work in our area.'

Reason (a);

To better reflect the scope of activities the group carry out - particularly with respect of workshops held around the Cam Valley for our local communities to enjoy.'

Unanimously voted and approved by all present the meeting.

1. The new constitution will be brought to the next group meeting for signing by the new committee.

**8. AOB**

1. Membership renewal; please see Sheila
2. Andrew Lansley is running an art event at Prior Park on the 19th April. AL to email Karen George details for the website / facebook.
3. Spring event - please see Sophie if you haven't paid but should have.
4. Request for simpler password for member pages
5. Request for more clarity about who to email material to for arts trail brochure
6. Karen mentioned that Timsbury Environment Group wish to run a food event (Taste of Timsbury) over the same weekend as the arts trail - the idea was welcomed. Committee to liaisewith TEG re sharing promotional material etc.
7. Kate Westcott mentioned 'The Peacock Arts Trail' 2nd - 11th October.
8. Curo display - Interested members to email Karen photo or work and size it can be enlarged up to. 3D work
9. Karen mentioned National Trust Landscape painting competition.
10. Events where group will be having a pitch; Paulton 'Party in the park' Saturday 18th July, High Littleton & Hallatrow Village Day Saturday 29th August - other village dates to be confirmed.

**Next meeting:** 7.30pm Monday 13th April at the Railway Inn, Clutton