

Wilton Link
Annual General Meeting
7.00 pm Friday 3 May 2013

Minutes of meeting

1. Attendance : Roger Williams, Valerie Williams, David Barnes, Steve Long, , Beth Andrews, Harry Thompson, Eleanor Thompson, Sarah Puttock, April Slack, Di Boniface, Pauline Mahoney, Mike Lennard

2. Apologies : Jennie Jones

3. Welcome and Introduction

Roger Williams welcomed all present to the AGM and introduced the Committee members.

4. Minutes of meeting on 10 May 2012

Harry Thompson proposed that these be accepted as read. This was seconded by Di Boniface

5. Report by Chair

Roger reported on a busy and successful year for the Wilton Link scheme. In particular he highlighted the following:

- 958 tasks were performed by volunteers in the last year (up from 930 in 2011)
- 19,287 miles were travelled by volunteers in providing a transport service to clients (up from 18,500)
- 1869 – no of hours committed by volunteers (up by 292)
- 112 clients benefited from the Wilton Link scheme in 2012
- Wilton Link currently has 29 volunteers, 25 who provide a transport service
- In addition to transport the scheme has reminded clients of its ability to provide other help e.g. befriending, gardening, odd jobs
- A good liaison takes place with Val O’Keefe, the Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, whose clients often benefit from the support of Wilton Link
- The annual outing for clients was to the Haskins Nursery where a cream tea was enjoyed by 30 Link clients
- A volunteer pack has been produced for all members
- The Wilton Link website is still active
- Roger advised the meeting that the Link scheme was advertised through a variety of means including newsletters and posters which are displayed in local surgeries, library and public notice boards. Articles are also written in the Valley News and the Link website contains details of the scheme and minutes of meetings.

- Roger took the opportunity to thank all volunteers and committee members for their hard work through the year and in particular to the co-ordinators Val, Sarah and April without whom the scheme could not operate.

6. Treasurers Report:

Copies of the accounts and report were made available to everyone. David Barnes highlighted the following:

- Drivers reimbursement exceeded donations by clients but as a result of other income the fund at end of 2012 stood at £7226.03 compared to £6323.36 at the end of 2011
- In the last year we have received Gift Aid of £2,307 and Gift Aid Tax rebate of £1,194.45.
- We continue to receive some support from Parish Councils although not every council gives each year

A discussion followed regarding the value of Gift Aid. The Chair confirmed that the Committee had discussed this and was seeking advice on how best to maximise income from this source.

7. Election of Officers

All Committee members indicated their willingness to continue in their role. Phil Matthews proposed a block vote for all committee members. This was seconded by Harry Thompson

8. Clients outing

Roger asked for anyone who had suggestions for a venue for the 2013 clients outing to contact him. He suggested it could be held at Pythouse, Tisbury

9. AOB:

- Harry Thompson asked that, on behalf of all clients, their appreciation be recorded of the excellent service provided by the Wilton Link Scheme and the invaluable support it gave. Phil Matthews thanked the Link Scheme for its valuable work on behalf of Wiltshire Town Council.
- Mike Lennard spoke to the meeting of Wiltshire On line scheme and the Salisbury LETS scheme. The former provides computer tuition to anyone in Wiltshire who is not on line and requires some basic guidance. The LETS scheme is a local exchange and trading scheme where members share skills and help in exchange for 'ebbles', a currency only used by members. Steve Long asked for details so that both schemes could be advertised in future newsletters.

10. Closure of meeting: the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.