

Wilton Link
Annual General Meeting
7.00 pm Wednesday 22 May 2019
Minutes of meeting

Attendance :

Committee members: Roger Williams, Valerie Williams, David Barnes, April Slack, Steve Long, , Beth Andrews.

Volunteers and clients: Dorothy Boniface, Christine Wickham, Peter Henocq, Harry Thompson, Alana Poulton, Sarah Puttock, Jean Purt, Pauline Mahony, Doreen Bowes, Geoff Jensen, Phil Pykett, John Greenstreet, Veronica Quarm, Rosemary Everard, Gill Richards, Clive and Janet Bishop, Molly Clarke,

1. Apologies: Bob and Marion Powell, John Ainsley.

2. Welcome and Introduction

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

3. Minutes of meeting on 15 May 2018

Harry Thompson proposed that these be accepted as read. This was seconded by Pauline Mahony

4. Matters Arising: Nil

5. Report by Chair

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

- 1345 tasks were performed by volunteers in 2018 an increase of 129 over 2017
- 18107 miles were travelled by volunteers in providing a transport service to clients.
- Wilton Link currently has 30 volunteers, of which **26** are drivers. The scheme has 1 volunteer who is active in the area of befriending.
- Link Outings Two outings were provided for clients. The summer outing was on the 19th June to the garden centre at Cranbourne and 22 attended. The sun shone and we enjoyed a very nice cream tea! In December a visit was made to Wilton house Garden centre and restaurant.
- The Link scheme is mainly advertised on take away leaflets which are located in both Wilton health surgeries, the local library, dentist and hairdressers.
- Two newsletters are distributed to volunteers and clients each year. These are used to advertise the AGM, clients outings, the Gift aid scheme and other items of interest e.g the Christmas dinner.

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 Gill and without whom the scheme could not operate.

6. Treasurers Report:

Copies of the accounts for 2018 were made available to everyone. April Slack highlighted the following:

- Drivers reimbursement (£8,159) exceeded donations by clients (£7,339)
- In 2018 we received Gift Aid Donations of £1,961 compared to £1,366 in 2017 and £825 in 2016. Gift Aid Tax rebate of £342 was received..
- We continue to receive some financial support from some Parish Councils
- Our accounts are audited each year by Barbara Campbell at no charge. Barbara was previously a reconciliation clerk .The Committee have expressed their appreciation to Barbara for her support.
- RW informed the meeting that the Committee has opened a savings account with Shawbrook Bank which pays a rate of 1.3% interest over 12 months. The account is recommended by the Charities Action Fund. Interest of £63 was received in 2018. In 2017 we received interest of £1.80!

Phil Pykett enquired if it was possible for volunteers to receive expense payments by BACs in future. The benefits of this were acknowledged but at present our Treasurer does not have access to the Internet. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a future Committee meeting. Action:RW

7. Secretary's report

- Steve Long advised the meeting that we continue to pay insurance by a group scheme arranged through Wiltshire Community First and further insurance indemnity to Committee members.Total cost was £311 in 2018 compared to £425 in 2017.
- Steve reported to the meeting that our constitution requires Committee members to stand down after 5 years. The meeting agreed that this was not appropriate and agreed that the Secretary would review the existing constitution and present changes to the Committee. Action:SL

8. Election of Officers

All Committee members were willing to continue in their role. A proposal for re-election of all was made by Christine Wickham and seconded by Alana Poulton.

9. Clients outing

- RW informed the meeting that an outing for clients to the Lavender Farm at Landford has been arranged for 3 July 2019. Any client wishing to attend should make a request on the Link landline. As suggested at last years AGM by John Ainsley, the Scout minibus will be used for transport.
- Another outing would be held at Wilton Garden Centre just before Xmas. This will be advertised on the December Link Newsletter. Action:SL

10. AOB

- Harry Thompson asked that the appreciation of all those who benefitted from the Link service be recorded in the minutes. This was supported by all present.

11. Closure of meeting: the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Following the end of the meeting a presentation on home security was given by a Wiltshire Bobby Van operator, Mick Leighford which was well received by all in attendance.

