

MINUTES

Whetstone Good Neighbours Scheme

7pm 20 January 2020

In Attendance

Barry Fisher (Chair), Louise Hathaway, Jenny Hilton, Monica-Jean Hoare,

Apologies for absence – Susan Popham

Pecuniary interests

The Meeting was reminded of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interests in the affairs of the scheme – None were declared

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting, 25 November 2019, have been read and were declared to be a true and accurate record and signed off by the Chair. These will now be uploaded to the website.

Services Update

We currently have 51 registered users, and the number jobs booked in November and December averaged around 100 per month.

The Autumn/Winter Newsletter was sent out and as a result we had 3 enquiries for new volunteers, all of which are currently going through their DBS checks, and induction for the scheme.

This proves the importance of getting the Newsletter out for WGNS.

The Spring/Summer edition are to be put into place and will be prepared by Louise for approval by the committee.

DBS checks – 3 new Volunteers currently being processed = Look like great candidates for the scheme

Financial update

The financial position is strong and looks good for the foreseeable future.

A donation was made to WGNS in relation to Blaby Courier closing down, the scheme acknowledges and appreciate the monies received. This will help towards the running of the scheme.

A mandate has been prepared and agreed to change the address registered with the bank to that of the Secretary, and for the Secretary to have full account access. This will be signed by the Chair and Treasurer and submitted to the bank for action.

Any Other Business

Blaby Lottery – It was confirmed that syndicates being run by Jenny would continue but would be reviewed for possible consolidation as a result of some drop outs. Syndicates can be setup and run by anyone for the benefit of Whetstone Good Neighbours but are the personal responsibility of each syndicate manager. It needs to be remembered that changes, additions or cancellations, are not instantaneous and do have a time lag associated with cool off periods and the syndicate managers payment dates. Thanks to Jenny for arranging running two syndicates to date.

Volunteers get together, a meeting is to be arranged for a coffee at Whetstone Golf Club, date and time to be arranged by Louise. This will enable everyone to meet each other and discuss any issues they may have and to collect and drop off the paperwork along with any donations received.

Befriending was discussed at length and noted that any changes to the current methods set out and agreed by the management team, will require the agreement of the team before being implemented. The main requirement here is to appoint a Befriending Lead who can take responsibility for this area for service and develop both the processes and user base. Befriending is a slightly different service to most of what WGNS does due to it being a long term commitment rather than one off tasks.

No other business being raised the meeting was closed

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in the Edward Wright Room at 7:00pm Monday 30^h March 2020

Monday 18th May 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Monday 24th August 2020 Monday 21st September 2020 - AGM Monday 19th October 2020 Monday 23rd November 2020