

**Sustainable Thornbury Minutes of AGM held on 25 May 2011
at 7.30pm in the Stuart Room at the Chantry**

Present: Bob & Judith Dale, Jerry Harding, Andrew Allan, Gavin Kent, Di & Nick Barnard, Gill Denning, Alan & Margaret Pinder, Brian & Derry Jordan, Marian Stephens, Elizabeth Vooght, Raymond Day, Marion Reeve, Andrew Mearman, Freddie Keey.

Apologies: Brett & Felicity Harrison, Heather Luna, Paula Hunt, Val Harding, Barbara Day, Maggie Jeffery

1. Bob Dale Chaired the meeting as Paula was unable to attend the meeting.
2. **Minutes of the last AGM** held on 19 May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. **Matters arising** – (a) SGlos Council earmarked piece of land to the rear of Thornbury Leisure Centre for allotments May 2010. Filnore Allotment Association has been formed, the site marked out for allotments plots allocated and digging has begun. (b) Members voted for ST to introduce a membership charge of £5 pp or £8 per household. £181 was collected from 41 members.
4. **Treasurer's report** – Bob handed out copies of his report and accounts for the year 2010/2011. He went through his report and explained how ST had done this year. Bob thanked Brian Jordan for auditing the accounts. Copies of the report and accounts are attached.
Alan Pinder proposed the report be adopted Nick Barnard seconded the proposal Members voted in favour of the report.
5. **Chairman's Report** - Freddie read out Paula's report which gave an overview of her year. Members thanked Paula for her Chairmanship and wished her well. Copy of report is attached.
Margaret Pinder proposed the report be adopted, Marion Reeve seconded the proposal Members voted in favour.
6. **Election of Officers** – The Chairman and Membership Secretary resigned from their posts. The following nominations had been received Bob Dale for Chairman and Treasurer, Freddie Keey for Secretary. There were no nominations for Membership Secretary or Deputy Chairman. As Bob Dale could not take on both posts nominations for either Treasurer or Chairman were invited from the floor the Membership Secretary post remained unfilled and nominations were invited. Nobody volunteered to take on the posts. Elizabeth Vooght suggested that we could run ST on a self organising basis, we didn't need a formal structure or money to operate just get together and things will happen. Elizabeth was asked if she would give a presentation to a meeting. Members to discuss self organising over next 12 months. As we were not making any progress Bob suggested we brought the break for tea/coffee forward to give members a breathing space to think over the unfilled posts for the coming year.
7. The meeting resumed Andrew Mearman offered to be Chairman proposed Alan Pinder seconded Bob Dale Andrew was voted in. Marion Reeve offered to be Membership Secretary proposed Freddie Keey seconded Margaret Pinder Marion was

voted in. Bob Dale was proposed for Treasurer by Margaret Pinder and seconded by Judith Dale, Bob was voted in. Freddie Key was proposed for Secretary by Val Harding and seconded by Jerry Harding Freddie was voted in. Margaret Pinder offered to chair meetings which Andrew Mearman was unable to attend.

8. **Review of Membership Subscriptions for 2011/2012** – were reviewed as required by the constitution. Discussion about how successful membership fees had been. General feeling was that charging had not been successful. Judith Dale proposed that for this year we don't have membership fees Margaret Pinder seconded the motion Members voted in favour of the proposal.
9. **Appoint Bank Account signatories** – Bob Dale proposed Paula Hunt's name be removed from the Bank Account and Andrew Mearman's name added to the Bank Account. All voted in favour.
10. **Reports from ST Members who attend SouthGlos and/or Thornbury Town Council** – Discuss at meeting on 22 June whether ST to continue to send representatives to meetings of Thornbury Town Council Environment Committee; Alan Pinder gave a report on the SouthGlos Environment Partnership they are interested in the environment most of time spent deciding what goals to aim for. Brett Harrison & Marian Stephens attend SouthGlos Environmental Waste Group. Marian & Brett had gone to a meeting in December Brett gave presentation to SouthGlos. Marian has copies of the minutes if anyone is interested in reading them. Brett Harrison has been helping at the Castle school unfortunately the member of staff leading this project is no longer helping and the project has lost direction.
11. Members thanked the Committee for their work over the past 12 months.

Bob closed AGM at 9.30pm

AOB (a) Discussion about the EcoFair; (b) would members like a Saturday session on long term development model of Thornbury Town. Bob Dale suggested we defer item (b) and discuss the EcoFair all in agreement .

EcoFair will be held on 19 May 2012. Di Barnard took the notes for the EcoFair.

Bob Dale convened a Business meeting he asked if members would give permission for him to write a cheque for £95 for the Skills Workshop Herbs for Healing.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Attachments – Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ended 30 April 2011
Chairman's Report for year ended 30 April 2011