



MINUTES OF THE FERNWOOD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held at 6.30 pm on 15 May 2017
at the Fernwood Village Hall, Rubys Avenue, Fernwood

Present: Councillors: D Harrison, P Murray, M Phelan, B Smith (Chair), J Weale, M Weale
 District Councillors K Walker and N Mison

Clerk: Caron Ballantyne

In Attendance: Assistant Clerk – Marion Fox Goddard
 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies received.

2. Chair's Report on Parish Events

See Appendix 1.

3. Draft governance Statement & Financial Report for the year 2016/17

Details of the draft of both documents were presented to those present.

4. Neighbourhood Planning Progress report

See the Chair's report for details of the current position. Awaiting the date of the referendum.

5. Open Forum for parishioners' comments and questions

Statement that the piece in the chairs report about DWH is very good and would be good for an article in the Advertiser at a later date.

6. Representatives of voluntary groups within the Parish to report on their progress in the last year and plans for the future

Fernwood Amateur Dramatic Society (FADS) – give people a chance to put on performances and work as part of a team so to do. They would hope to do another panto in February 2018.

Petanque – goes from strength to strength. Boccia continues to grow. There are lots of competitions throughout the country and they continue to be able to put in a team for many of these events.

Fernwood Over Fifty Fives (FOFFs) – they meet on the first and last Thursday of the month and do lots of lunch trips out to local establishments. Trips away are arranged and more members would be welcomed from the area.

Discussion then about how to advertise these groups and encourage community involvement in activities such as the summer fete and the Fireworks, which may have to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers/stewards.

Community First Responders are saving lives. There are 3 responders on Fernwood. Every minute quicker that they can arrive to an emergency gives the person needing 999 treatment

a 10% better chance of surviving. This is recognised by all the emergency services and first responders work alongside them. The local group continues to grow. It is hoped that the training nights will start to be held at Fernwood Village Hall in the near future. Contact details will be provided to the Parish Council if anyone would like to join the group.

Meeting closed at 19:00pm