**FRIENDS OF BIRDCAGE WALK Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday 13th September 2023**

**Present: Paula, Caroline, Kath, Bob, Trevor, James, Norman, Ros**

**Apologies: Lesley**

**Actions achieved since our June meeting:**

Birdcage Bash confirmed – huge congratulations to Kath

Everyone has signed the Constitution

1. **Minutes of meeting dated 28th June will be sent out with these minutes.**
2. **Birdcage Bash** – diocese have given us permission. BCC fully on board. Email confirmation has been received via BCC and it is May 18th 1pm to 8pm. Fit up will be that morning to avoid having to use security overnight. Kath has to submit the event application to BCC officially so that it needs to go into the system soon. Kath has month by month plan. Organised insurance via contact from James. Clifton BID – Kath is waiting for a contact. Paula will send details of whom to contact to Kath. **Action Paula**. We need an event electrician to go into Bishop’s House to check the electricity supply is appropriate. If this doesn’t work, then we need to have a generator. October is ear marked for business sponsorship. Any ideas of people who might sponsor please let Kath know. The event will be ticketed but perhaps we have a raffle in the days leading up to the event. Kath is currently approaching bands. Approaching ‘Literati’ who make things out of rubbish for children. Cannot use space under a tree. Ellie from FeelFit is keen to sponsor in some way – perhaps do a demonstration? Kath has a meeting with her in the next few days. Well done Kath – excellent work. **Action Kath**
3. **Autumn Planning** – this was agreed and thank you to Lesley and Caroline for the work involved in putting this together. This document will go onto the website and will go into the slide show for the AGM. **Action Ros and Norman.** Thinking about a container for leafmould if anyone finds any pallets – phone Bob and he will collect and voila. **Action All**. Paula wondered about the brick store; should the shrubs be taken down now? And take back the shed? Teija is scheduled to come up but is currently on holiday. During that visit we will ask Teija what she can suggest. **Action Lesley, Caroline, Norman, Ros**
4. **AGM Tuesday 24th** **October** at 6pm at Clifton /Library – notice to go up two weeks before – invite all volunteers. **Action Ros** Post on next door. **Action Paula.** Slide show about what has been going on. **Action Ros**  Paula thought it would be nice to have talk after the AGM and Avon Wildlife was suggested. Caroline offered to liaise with Lesley and see if they can come and talk to us. **Action Caroline and Lesley**. Wine and snacks to be organised by Paula. **Action Paula**
5. **Railings** – not getting anywhere with this. There is an estimated £100,000 cost of taking them away and renovating them. Paula would like to pursue power washing it using a mobile tank/bowzer. Having them cleaned would be a good thing and then add a clear glaze to protect them. Paula will continue to pursue. **Action Paula** The gates need to be sorted out; Paula to pursue. **Action Paula**. Hoops situation has changed – hoops are fine – they are not needed any more because the lime trees have grown. However, some lime trees have died so surely the hoops are needed? This needs to be explored; another thing for Teija’s list. Sponsorship for the lime trees
6. **Widening our remit** …. We are short of gardeners – we do not have enough gardeners. Therefore, no possibility of widening our remit.
7. **Dog Walkers** – the three signs are still there. Kath has sent pictures of dog off leads to BCC dog warden– he is trying to get PCSOs to go up at the talk to them. Paula asked Kath to send her the emails and she will see what has happened. Caroline said that one man who had two huskies spoke to the gardeners recently and said he would put the dogs on the leads.

**Date of next meeting –AGM 24th October at Clifton Library at 6pm.**