

## **Friends of the Avon New Cut (FrANC)**

### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at the Southville Centre on 7 June 2007**

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#### **Present**

Tess Green (chair), Tracy Whale (treasurer), John Purkiss (secretary), Jo Young, Alison Leaf, Martha van der Lem, Paul van der Lem, Steve Fay, Matthew Symonds, Holly Young, Maggie McCormack, Jackie Gower-Johnson, Adrian Mantle, Dave Ward, Ben Barker, Jo Hargreaves, Derek Hughes, Sara Worth, Liz Payze, Stephen Wickham, Ed Hall, Samantha di Giovanni, R J Smith, Angie Burdet, Peter Burdet.

#### **Apologies**

Roy Gallop, Mike Timmins.

#### **Report on the past year**

- The Chair presented the report on activities in 2006-07 (attached).
- Congratulations were expressed to FrANC on the amount it had achieved in its first year.
- The guided walks had been particularly appreciated.
- The report was accepted.

#### **Finance report**

- The Treasurer presented the financial report for 2006-07 (attached).
- A query regarding the purpose of the Awards for All grant was answered.
- The report was accepted.

#### **Election of Committee for 2007-08**

The following people were elected:

- Tess Green (Chair)
- Tracy Whale (Treasurer)
- John Purkiss (Secretary)
- Stephen Wickham
- Sara Worth
- Jo Young.

#### **Any other business**

Thanks were expressed to the Committee for all their work during the past year.

## **Friends of the Avon New Cut (FrANC) – Report on activities in 2006/07**

FrANC has enjoyed a busy year since the organisation was formally established as an independent community group on 11 May 2006. Our achievements can be summarised under the following headings:

### **Themed walks**

- 2 wildlife discovery walks
- Bird talk and walk
- New Cut Trek 2007
- Promotion of Malago Trek and Colliter's Brook Trek.

### **Arts activities**

- Tiles project celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cut.

### **Clean-ups**

- Over 50 volunteers assisted at 3 riverbank clean-up sessions
- South Bristol Caving Club cleared trolleys, mattresses etc from banks and river bed
- New litterbins installed on Coronation Road and Cumberland Road
- Discussions opened with ASDA regarding litter on the Cut near their store.

### **Safety**

- Signs erected on Chocolate Path requesting cyclists to give way to pedestrians.

### **Maintenance**

- Autumn maintenance work at Butterfly Junction.

### **Awareness raising**

- Publication of book "A Celebration of the Avon New Cut"
- Publication of leaflet on Butterfly Junction
- Installation of 3 interpretation boards
- Publication of 3 newsletters
- Regular e-mail bulletins sent to 120 contacts
- New Cut Trek leaflets distributed to 800 homes
- Information issued on new building developments affecting the Cut.

### **Activities already identified for action during the coming year:**

- Work to establish the Cut as a recognised "Local Nature Reserve"
- Guided walk to identify trees on the Cut
- Improved lighting under Gaol Ferry Bridge
- Investigate opportunities for increased public access to the Cut.

We are grateful to everyone who has helped FrANC to achieve so much in its first year, and we thank Cllr Bolton (Southville) and Cllr Wright (Cabot) for their assistance.

## FrANC Accounts Summary 2006/2007

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st May 2007

#### Income

Book sales	£600.00
Awards for All grant	£4,950.00

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£5,550.00</b>
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#### Expenditure

Tile project	£3,400.00
Volunteer expenses	£92.76

<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£3,492.76</b>
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<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>£2,057.24</b>
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