

## Friends of the Avon New Cut (FrANC)

### Committee meeting held on 18 November 2022 at Laura's house

#### MINUTES

	<i>Item</i>	<i>What was discussed, agreed and any actions</i>	<i>Action by</i>
1.	Those present	Tim Wickstead, Tess Green, Roy Gallop, Ed Hall, Laura Demery, Rob Fuller <i>Apologies for absence:</i> Guy Malkerson, Lizzi Testani(?) <i>Resignation received:</i> John Holland	-
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 3: Tim met with Steve Fay to thank him for role as Treasurer</li> <li>• Item 4: Tim has received confirmation that Underfall Yard is available for the AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• Item 5: BCC's Steve Clampin has been informed of all litter picks until March 11th</li> </ul>	
3.	Treasurer's report (Laura)	Laura presented the draft accounts as proposed for presentation at the AGM. Following feedback from the committee, she will amend the wording to avoid 'accounting speak' and then follow up with Derek Griffin (volunteer accountant) and his offer to inspect them on our behalf. There is £1265.69 in total in the account, including general funds and the new Secret Gardens Grant. The general funds at £965.63 are almost the same as this time last year.	<b>LD</b>
4.	Butterfly Junction Project: progress update	Tess reported on Guy's behalf: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not successful with Gardens' Trust grant application</li> <li>• Arrangements in hand for 7<sup>th</sup> January cherry tree planting</li> <li>• Mo Mulligan to assist with the tough digging required</li> <li>• Trees to come from Avon Wild Life Trust</li> <li>• Visit made to Riverside to apologise that we cannot use their offer this time.</li> <li>• Tess reminded we still need storage for the group's equipment – Tim to contact Chris Ecclestone again and see if there's help; he will also refer to Chris's concern, reported by Ed, that cut buddleia has been left on the tracks: <i>we know nothing!</i></li> </ul>	<b>TW</b>
5.	Annual General Meeting	Tim to ask for details of arrangements at the Yard for the 4 <sup>th</sup> - can we offer refreshments? He will say that two members (Laura and David Demery) have offered to walk by and place direction signs. A Mailchimp message with the agenda, inviting attendance/nominations etc to be composed by Laura and Tim and sent out early w/b 21 <sup>st</sup> .	<b>TW/LD</b>
6.	Signs project	Tim circulated a copy of the six texts we have composed as a group. General consensus that we proceed with the project. He will lead a brisk game-style activity at the AGM to encourage people to read the texts and come up with an arresting 'hook' for an image or headline. The list of ideas to be passed to Rob – (none of which he is obliged to use!) Laura confirmed that the possibility of linking the QR code on the sign to a longer piece on the FrANC website was promisingly workable. Ed to wait to contact Dave Sproxtton	<b>TW/RF LT/EH</b>

		(£1000 set aside for the project) until things further advanced. Lizzi to act as contact with Rob.	
7.	Litter Picks: review of 12/11/22	19 attended in firm sunshine. Lizzi has set up a 'Litter pick logistics' WhatsApp group and Andrew Jenkins has agreed to join and help on 10 <sup>th</sup> December. Tim to offer them a checklist of things to think about before/on/after the event.	<b>TW</b>
8.	Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to consider Plan B if no replacements for Chair and Secretary forthcoming</li> <li>• Enjoyable digression on Bristol poets: Isaac Rosenberg's <i>Break of Day in the Trenches</i> and Poet Laureate Robert Southey's <i>After Blenheim</i>.</li> </ul>	<b>All to note</b>
9.	Date/time/place of next Committee meeting	<b>VERY PROVISIONALLY Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 14.00 - 15.30</b> <i>Venue: Laura's house – 17 Bathurst Parade.</i>	<b>All to note</b>