

Friends of the Avon New Cut (FrANC) Committee meeting:

Minutes – Wednesday 17 September 2025

Present: Andrew Jenkins (Chair), Laura Demery, Ed Hall, Phil Cass

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies: Lizzi Testani

2. Minutes of the last meeting – and actions arising (below)

Minutes of last meeting agreed and action list updated as below.

3. Review of finances

Current bank balance is at £2,142.72.

Crowdfunding received to the value of £584.86.

Donation from John Laing Charitable Trust received to the value of £1,000.

Expenses of circa £12 for graffiti paint remover.

Bank charges for cashing John Laing Charitable Trust cheque and standard monthly charge also.

4. Review of Spring Fundraising drive

The fundraising drive was a success!

Crowdfunding of £584.86 net received with thanks offered to contributors.

John Laing Charitable Trust contribution of £1,000 received as cheque and chased with thank you letter written to JLCT.

5. Plans for 2025/26 activities

Community Gardening: Committee agreed to fund six Holly trees for community garden t cost of £17 each. **Action:** Andrew to confirm with Guy.

Litterpicking: Litterpicks to proceed in same format and again to be scheduled for second Saturday of the month from October through to March. Laura has updated the website with dates. Laura will draft a notice to include these and refer to success in fundraising, also an invitation for the membership to contribute ideas and join the committee. **Action:** Laura to draft notice

6. Plans for AGM

AGM suggested for 2pm, 23rd November or week earlier.

Potential venue of Underfall Yard Education Room with visit to café afterwards. **Action:** Laura to confirm venue is available and then we will notify people.

Potential for BCC rep or ecologist to attend and give talk. **Action:** AJJ to approach BCC.

7. Future Committee Membership

Committee agreed that new committee members would be good and to reach out to people informally . This will be mentioned in the 'welcome to the new litter picking season notice'

that Laura will draft. **Action:** Laura to include request for new committee members in new season welcome notice.

8. AOB

Information Board: Laura has painted and repaired an information board that had been covered in graffiti. However, fitting it is proving difficult. **Action:** Laura/Ed to take a look at fittings and work up a plan to repair/fit.

Additional activities for members: Ed raised whether we should think about arranging additional activities for members, walks or talks over the Spring and Summer for example to keep members engaged. This would need people with time and interest to arrange. **Action:** Raise at AGM

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4 November, 7:00pm, Laura's House

ACTIONS (refreshed list with completed actions removed, outstanding actions updated where necessary and new actions added)	STATUS
Lizzi to include request / suggestion for bins near Gaol Ferry bridge within next communication to Steve Clampin	(Lizzi spoken to Steve C). Ed to follow up with Tony Dyer
Andrew to request for information from ecologist on how the impact of works on wildlife is being mitigated and whether they might be willing/interested to present an update about the works at our next AGM	AJJ to approach regarding presentation at AGM
Andrew to make contact with Stuart Hatton to explore possibility of sponsorship from Wapping Wharf	Meeting deferred but AJJ to approach SH regarding potential funding for additional bins around Wapping Wharf.
New action: Laura will draft a 'welcome to the new litterpicking season' notice to include reference to success in fundraising, also an invitation for the membership to contribute ideas and join the committee.	
New action: Potential venue of Underfall Yard Education Room with visit to café afterwards. Action: Laura to confirm Underfall Yard Education Room is available for AGM on 23 rd November at 2pm.	
New action: Andrew to investigate whether somebody from BCC or ecologist could give a talk at the AGM	
New action: Laura/Ed to take a look at information board fittings and work up a plan to repair/fit.	
New action: Raise topic of additional activities for members at AGM	