

**THE PARK BENCH
GENERAL MEETING**

7.30 Thursday 10 April at 9 Nottingham Street Bristol BS3 4SS

Minutes

1. Greetings and introductions

Present at meeting: Stella, Heather, Richard, Linda, Lucy

In attendance : Nicola Harris,

Apologies: Steve, Rosemary, Andrew, Candia

2. Minutes of the last meeting (AGM) and matters arising

Minutes of the AGM on Feb 8 were read and there were no matters arising that are not in the agenda.

3. Treasurer's report.

Richard reported that there have been no significant movements since the last meeting. The balance in the bank account stands at £434.45 and mandates have been changed to include Linda as Chair. Our accounts and report have been filed with the Charity Commission.

4. Operations

The statistics produced by Linda are attached to these minutes

a) New Street

We notice that numbers continue to reduce and we have asked Richard to contact Jeremy Townend at the Compass Centre to see if that has become a more appropriate, or additional, venue.

b) The Salvation Army hostel.

We seem to have got the venue and timing right for this venue.

c) Other libraries & bookshelves

We have, or are planning, a bookshelf at

- a. The Big Issue offices
- b. Townsend House (women's hostel)
- c. The Well
- d. One25

- e. Southmead Hospital (not yet in action, but can use spare books)

We noted that help is available from other volunteers if Heather needs it.

d) Book movements

We're receiving regular supplies from the Amnesty bookshop.

5. AOB.

Nicola has issued the questionnaires she'd like to be completed to help with her research and has arranged to interview Heather at a later date. She will feed back her findings, hopefully by the end of the year and welcomes any information on how homeless people view library services.

6. Next meeting

Thursday 10th July 19:30 at 9 Nottingham Street