

SRF GENERAL MEETING 1ST MARCH 2016

Present: D. Maddison M. Cassap P. Colborn K. Dagg
J. Allen O. Dodds N. Letchford G. Brewis
R. Grainger B. Taylor J. Falade A. Paczynski
G. Martin E. Hunter J. Ford (Gentoo)

Apologies: T. Kinnair L. Griffiths A. Wright J. Horton
S. Corkin

1. Doris opened the meeting which was held in The Salvation Army building as the church hall was unavailable. One of our members Marjorie Matthews had died suddenly since the last meeting. A condolence card has been sent to her family.
Another member Moira Lawrence has lost her husband over the Xmas holiday and has reluctantly had to retire from our group, a thank you card has been sent to her.
2. Our guest speaker from Adult Social Services has again not attended our meeting and failed to contact us. It was agreed that Kash send a letter to the department about this.
3. Minutes of last general meeting
 - Council have stated no skateboard park will be built by the council.
 - Judicial services – Gill Bridge police station is closing on 23rd March. They are occupying a shop in Waterloo Place 24/7 for the public.
 - Members discussed the Xmas market, some thought it was successful, and others thought it had been set up in the wrong place.
 - Fulwell Day Centre staff are decorating the unit because of funding issues.
4. Minutes of last committee meeting
 - Lakeside volunteers visiting people in their own flats – have been advised to go in 2's for safety.
 - Backhouse and Barley Mow parks have found funding for park furniture in both parks.

- Lakeside communal lights – residents have been told they are on 24/7 for health and safety reasons.

5. Any Other Business

- Doris and Olive attended a TPAS day conference in Newcastle, Doris gave a brief precis on the conference which focussed on lack of funding and tenants view of involvement with housing groups.
- Suggestion of speaker from the carers society for our next meeting, but this would be our AGM, possibly invite to our July meeting.
- Doris to see Father Skelton re a key for the church hall.

6. Treasurers report

- 2015/2016 funding now in the bank.