

S TOCKTON TOWN PASTORS

*-Care and Compassion in the
Night-Time Environment*
Registered Charity No. 1143017



Annual General Meeting 2014

Summarised Record of Minutes

Meeting Date:	Monday 29 th June 2015
Meeting Time:	7pm – 9pm
Location:	Destiny Centre Church, 395 Norton Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS20 2QQ

Persons Present:	David Humble – DR (Interim Chair) Graham Knox – GK (Treasurer) Inspector Anthony Cross – AC (Cleveland Police) Steve Brock – SB (Project Manager) Stuart Levin – SL Jane Harmer – JH Plus 31 STP 'Members' and 19 'Guests'
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1. & 2	Welcome	
1.1	DH welcomed everyone to the meeting, and opened in prayer.	
1.2	Each of the Board members (above) introduced themselves to those present.	
3.	Apologies	
3.1	Andy Fox – AF (Secretary)	
4.	Minutes of AGM	
4.1	Minutes of STP AGM held on Wednesday 26 th June 2014 at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle were produced.	
4.2	SB proposed acceptance of the minutes and this was seconded by GK. There were no amendments, and no matters arising.	
5	STP Annual Report	
5.1	DH presented to the previously circulated STP Annual Report 2014-15 to the meeting (embedded below):  STP AGM Report 2015.pdf	

<p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>5.5</p> <p>5.6</p> <p>5.7</p> <p>5.8</p>	<p>The retirement of the previous Chair, Derek Rosamond, was noted; as were the standing down of Rosemarie Williams and James Glancey owing to career-related moves. DH expressed grateful thanks to them, and formally welcomed new members SL and AH onto the Board. Additionally, Police representative Inspector Michael Brown has been replaced by Inspector Anthony Cross.</p> <p>STP Project Manager SB then presented his report, as published in the above document. The single biggest change has been the purchase and use of the STP mobile unit, which has resulted in an increased number of people coming to the unit for minor first aid; and in attracting socially excluded individuals who just wanted friendship. This has increased our opportunities to show genuine care and compassion, and refer people into specialist drug, alcohol, health and homelessness organisations where appropriate.</p> <p>SB recognised and praised the contribution of all 48 current volunteers, 21 of which had been with the project for more than five years. A further five individuals were currently undergoing the application process.</p> <p>STP Treasurer GK then produced his report, as published in the above document. 2014-15 had seen a gap in income over expenditure, causing us to draw upon reserves. However, the situation for 2015-16 is currently stable with approximately £16,000 in the bank. The project manager is no longer drawing a salary, which has reduced the monthly outgoings and means the project has sufficient reserves through to the end of the current financial year.</p> <p>However, the Board’s urgent focus will be upon securing regular funding mainly through individual and group donations (gift-aided where appropriate) to ensure long-term financial stability and providing the opportunity to secure a salaried project manager post if necessary.</p> <p>STP volunteers Steve Johnson, Ian Bartle, Sam Clark, Emily Mulcaster and Sue Mulcaster then presented a role-play scenario outlining a typical incident experienced by STP volunteers; with a commentary underlining the volunteer training and risk assessment elements utilised.</p> <p>The meeting was then interrupted for attendees to enjoy fellowship and a free buffet, before resuming at 8.25pm.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>Executive Committee Elections</p> <p>SB conducted this process, the results of which are as below:</p> <p>Chair – David Humble (current Interim Chair). There were no other nominations. Graham Knox proposed that DH be elected, seconded by</p>	

<p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p>	<p>volunteer Dot Bell. No objections, with all in favour. DH duly elected as STP Chair.</p> <p>Treasurer – Graham Knox (current Treasurer). There were no other nominations. Volunteer Sue Mulcaster proposed that GK be elected, which was seconded by volunteer Sam Clark. No objections, all in favour. GK was duly elected as STP Treasurer.</p> <p>GK indicated that this was likely to be his last year in this position, and the project may wish to look at a replacement over the coming months.</p> <p>Secretary – Andy Fox (current Secretary). SB said that, although absent from this meeting, AF has indicated a willingness to stand for re-election. There were no other nominations. Volunteer Sheila Brown proposed that AF be elected, which was seconded by volunteer Ken Stephens. No objections, all in favour. AF was duly elected as STP Secretary.</p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p>	<p>Membership Ballot Results</p> <p>A secure vote took place amongst volunteer members present, to elect representatives onto the Board for the 2015-16 period.</p> <p>The only two nominated candidates are: Ian Bartle and Steve Johnson. Both received the required 75% of the available vote, and were welcomed onto the Board by the Chair.</p> <p>DH thanked volunteer Sam Clark for his time as a volunteer representative on the Board over the past year.</p>	
<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p>	<p>Presence in Yarm – General Discussion</p> <p>SB said that a three-month trial involving an STP presence in Yarm High Street had just been completed, and the Board will conduct a full review to establish a future presence there.</p> <p>During the period under review (April to June) STP have only provided a presence in Stockton town centre on Saturday evenings (as opposed to Fridays and Saturdays). An assessment of ‘need’, the best use of our resources, and a possible long term future presence in Yarm will be considered, along with volunteers’ views.</p> <p>The result will be announced once the review has been completed and considered by the Board. Until then, STP will continue to provide a Yarm presence on Fridays as well as a presence in Stockton on Saturdays.</p> <p>A general discussion took place, with views in favour of having a continued presence in Yarm AND Stockton on Fridays being expressed. It was acknowledged that there were differing ‘needs’ in both</p>	

8.5	<p>locations. Whilst those using the Yarm night-time economy were generally more affluent, there are a larger number of socially-excluded individuals in Stockton town centre.</p> <p>The impact of our presence in both locations, both in terms of the number of times we have offered assistance and the actual reduction in alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour, should be taken into consideration.</p>	
<p>9 9.1</p>	<p>Any Other Business There were no other items of business.</p>	
<p>10 10.1</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting The date and location of the next STP Annual General Meeting, along with regular Board meeting dates, will be circulated in good time.</p>	