

Draft minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting of St James Forum held Wednesday 5th July at St Sidwell's School at 19.45.

Members Present: 32 members signed the attendance sheet.

1. **Apologies:** Sue Bosley, Di Boston, Gaynor Carr, Maggie Cartridge, Andrew Connett, Lesley Curd, Cliff & Rita Dampney, Jonathan Dawson, Jo Hawkins, Bernice Hoskin, Katy Macleod, Mike Reddaway, Kai Kin & Judie Yung.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** These were accepted as true record of the proceedings.
3. **Matters arising:** There were no matters raised.
4. **Steering Group Report:** This had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Acting Chair talked to the report. Special thanks were given to former Councillor, Jill Owen, who had retired from the County Council after 24 years and latterly serving as member for St James. Cllr Aves and Cllr Prowse spoke on behalf of the Forum with regard to parking issues. A working group is to be formed to investigate the present system and its perceived shortcomings.
5. **Treasurer's report:** Annette Plaut spoke to the previously circulated report. She also shared a projection of 2017-8 expenditures. A questioner asked about the expenditure on the Queen's Crescent Garden Pocket Park, and this was explained. At the conclusion of this, the meeting adopted the accounts.
6. **Draft Constitution:** After an explanation about the differing status of associated and affiliated members the meeting agreed unanimously to adopt the new Constitution.
7. **Motions:** No motions had been received within the allocated time frame.
8. **Election of the Steering Group for 2017-2018:** Cllr Mitchell scrutinised the nominations and explained that with the exception of the Membership Secretary post, the number of nominations coincided with the posts available and that there was no need for an election to take place. He announced the following appointments;

Chair:	Anne Jobson.
Treasurer:	Annette Plaut
Minute Secretary:	David Treharne.
Membership Secretary:	T.B.C.
5 elected members:	Susie Bower Gaynor Carr Robyn Connett Paul Layton Dan Maxwell

9. **Any other A.G.M. matters:** No matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 20:12.