

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th November 2019 at

Cloverfield Church and Community Centre

Present: CAWRA committee comprising of :

Rob Butler – Chair

Martin Fancourt – Gardening Group Co-ordinator

Rex Ingles – Litter Pick Co-ordinator

Natasha Salawu – Secretary

Rebecca Tate – Project Co-ordinator

Chris Wallis – Treasurer & Membership Secretary

Robert Whittaker – Research Co-ordinator

CAWRA members: Bob Baldwin, Cllr. Janice Butler (Thetford Town), Neil Glen.

Apologies: Cllr. Jane James (Breckland Councillor), Cllr. Stuart Wright

Welcome: Chair Rob Butler opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Minutes of previous meeting in October 2019 adopted and agreed, currently available on CAWRA website and in print before this meeting.

	Item	Action
1.	<u>Secretary's Report</u> – nothing to report at present.	
2.	<u>Treasurer & Membership Secretary's Report</u> * Following the October meeting, the medium grant of £1,500 for the Community Garden project has been returned to Thetford Town Council, in line with the grant conditions. * An application to Thetford Town Council for a small £300 grant towards this year's activities was successful, and we thank Thetford Town Council for their continued support of CAWRA. * We also have a small increase in the number of people supporting CAWRA through Our Breckland Lottery - do ask me afterwards if you would like any details about supporting us in this way.	

	<p>* As a result of the above, our current funds stand at £837.44, however, we have some items of expenditure coming up.</p> <p>* The hi-viz jackets are currently with the screen-printers for the CAWRA logo to be applied, which we hope will help increase our visibility in the area.</p> <p>* The newsletter is currently being put together, with all committee members helping with content (hopefully!). I hope to send this to print well before Christmas with an anticipated distribution date in early January, in good time before the January meeting</p>	
3.	<p><u>Project Co-ordinator's Report</u></p> <p>The Window Wanderland took place from Saturday 26th October to Saturday 2nd November 2019. Houses took part in various locations and looked stunning. The feedback was mostly good, although some residence felt that they could not get involved due to it falling over Halloween and many requested a workshop. I propose that we do it again in late January/early February 2021 from Sat 30th to Sunday 7th Feb. Sharon Wing, who helped organise Fuzion in the town is interested in getting involved and suggested we use the event to help raise money for charity. Having longer to organise and plan will give us better opportunity to promote. I welcome any volunteers to assist me in the organising.</p> <p>The CAWRAisters are meeting at Cloverfields Community Church for a final practice this Fri 29th November. It will just be a quick run through of songs for anybody taking part. Carol Singing will commence on the estate next Thursday 5th December and will continue to run every Thursday and Friday until Christmas (exact timings will be confirmed for each night after our final practice). For those who wish to be informed who are not on FB, please let me know and I will be sure to keep you in the loop. I have set out a route which has been posted to the Facebook group. It is a very busy time of year and not everyone can make every evening. I am extremely appreciative of all those people who have said they will take part as it really is a great community event. I welcome anyone still wanting to get involved in whatever way, shape or form.</p> <p>Finally I have been sent a link re. a WW11 Commemorative Grant Scheme 2020. I am wondering if CAWRA would like to apply for this and organise some type of celebratory event on the estate. Happy to discuss.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Research Co-ordinator's Report</u></p> <p>RW is reviewing location of bins and asks members to check the map and report if bins are present. Check Breckland website as he suspects a discrepancy.</p>	ALL
5.	<p><u>Gardening Group Co-ordinator's Report</u></p> <p>Nothing to report at present.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Litter Pick Group Co-ordinator's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Litter Pick dates: Friday 24th January and Saturday 25th January 2020, meeting at Cloverfield Community Church carpark at 10.30am – Children under supervision welcome, please dress for cold/wet weather, gloves advisable. • Litter picks in October were well attended on both days covering the green spaces on the estate. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cards are now ready to be handed out on the Litter picks to highlight CAWRAs input. 	
7.	<p><u>Councillors', Agencies', and Police Reports</u></p> <p>Janice Butler – Councillor for Castle Ward, Thetford Town Council (TTC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulbs have been planted using a donation from TTC on Hurth Way. If anyone has any suggestions for other areas for planting please inform her. • Litter & Green Lane issues – not yet resolved, currently in communication with both councils and things are moving forwards. • Please inform Cllr. Butler of overgrown pathways throughout Thetford and she collate information for other Councillors so they can also present to the Highways Agency. • No replacement/new dog litter bins • Thetford Town Council Outside Space officer advises any green grass is left to nature. Thetford Town Council only maintain Castle Park, Melford and Barnham Commons, not the green spaces on the housing estates. • Thetford Town Council aims to plant 3000 trees over next 3 years. • Consultation on grazing on Castle Park on TTC website. <p>No Police agencies present at meeting.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Chair's Report</u> (* further information given at meeting. c/o = carried over from last meetings)</p> <p>-Norfolk Trading Standards are starting a new NCCZ (No Cold Calling Zone) scheme in the county. Streets can apply to be included in this scheme whereby notices are available to be displayed on lampposts etc. I have already applied for Foxglove Road, Charlock Road, Mallow Road and Rosecroft Way and am waiting for a representative of the NCC Trading Standards team to contact me. To request a NCCZ application form residents can email trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk or call them on 0344 800 8020. Don't forget that the same NCC team also provide a weekly 'scams' warning information email. This can also be viewed on their website.</p> <p>· Wherever possible, can residents please avoid leaving wheelie bins on public footpaths. They are a hazard and hinderance to many and could be considered an obstruction legally should any person be injured because of them. This is as bad as vehicles parking on footpaths or on verges.</p> <p>· There is definitely a more active and greater Police presence around the town. It continues to be more noticeable that there are the police vehicles driving through our area regularly now.</p> <p>· CAWRA fully supports the '30(mph) for Thetford' campaign. Speeding seems to be reduced through our area although there are still a few 'hotheads' around. The new</p>	ALL

	<p>20mph signage and roundels appear to be doing their job in reminding drivers of their safety responsibilities to others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Please remember to report the exact location any shrubs / foliage etc that are overhanging public pavements or otherwise causing obstruction and need cutting back. This is very important during the dark nights / mornings for safe pedestrian passage in our area. · We're running out of time for planting springtime bulbs so, if residents know of any other swathes of land in our area that would like to be planted ready for next year then please notify Martin. TTC have offered the free use of the bulb-planting machine and also some bulbs. TTC will enter the 'Britain in Bloom' competition next year so are keen to beautify all areas, particularly ours. · A reminder that dates and times for future CAWRA meetings have now been confirmed and we thank Neil Glen and the church for assisting with this. The meeting evenings will start at 7.30 as usual with tea, coffee, ('bottomless') and biscuits etc being served (50p pp – proceeds to CAWRA funds). This gives residents the opportunity to discuss any community issues or concerns with CAWRA committee members, Town, District and County Councillor(s) and agencies before the main meeting begins at 8pm prompt when these issues could be further discussed in full if required. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
9.	Any other business - none	

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