

**Minutes of FoHP AGM
7.30, 7 Feb, 2017.**

	Kaposvar Room, Guildhall	
1	Present : Mayveen Blackwell, Erica Jones, David Carr, David Robinson, Ian Critchley, Henry Ford, and some 20 Members. Apologies, Susanne McCarraher and 8 other email apologies.	
2	Welcome: HF (Chair) Welcomed all to the first AGM of the FoHP, invited everyone to view the displays on the pinboards (David Carr, archive photos; Erica Timothy, digitised tree map; HF, recent photos) and drew attention to the Drone flight of the park from Ben Goodman. Thanks were extended to the Abbey Ward Councillors Peter Turner and Lizzie Gladwyn for arranging the room in the Guildhall.	
3	Minutes. As this was the first AGM no previous minutes were passed, but it was noted that the constitution was adopted in the inaugural meeting.	
	None	
4	Green Flag Status : Talk from Jane Robson, BANES	
	Jane unfortunately had been called away earlier in the day and sent her apologies. Her summary of requirements was read by the FoHP Council Liaison, Mayveen Blackwell	
	These include demonstration of the public interest in the park and there being an active interest in its upkeep. It should be a busy park, used by young and old alike with various activities taking place throughout the year. It was felt that Henrietta Park fulfilled all these criteria and an application form had been submitted to the Green Flag organisation. It was hoped that this application would be successful and, if that were the case, we would celebrate the fact with a small party in the park in September. If we do obtain Green Flag Status we have to keep up the good work as it is reviewed on an annual basis. MB asked that anyone doing any voluntary work in the park submit their hours to her via email as this all helped to show the enthusiasm of park users. HF was continuing to work on material for the Website. MB has toured the park with BANES employees and all seemed to be going very well.	
5	Liaison : MB	
	The council are now happy to work with the FoHP using MV as a conduit. Attention has been drawn to the maintenance of the garden (in particular the Memorial garden), leaf clearance, pruning, the railings and the various objects in the garden: the Forester Tablet, the fountain, the sundial. In essence the atmosphere is one of communication between us, the Council and others such as the Community Payback. An incident page is available on the website for the more challenging aspects of Park Life: rough sleepers, tents, drug dealers, and party goers.	
6	Membership and Finance report: IC	
	FoHP has 66 members and £1164.63 in the bank. It was agreed that the next date for membership renewal would be 1.10.17.	
7	Web and Media: DR	

	Attendees were shown on the screen the new Website as it is at the moment. It is work in progress. If anyone had any interesting photographs, notes etc. DR would be very pleased to have them to add to the site. It was hoped that a useful up to date site could be maintained, listing all the birds and wildlife found in the park. There would also be a diary of local events, including those of FoHP and PERA and dates of meetings etc. We are encouraged to make use of our facebook site. HF reported that a complete list of photographs and songs of birds likely to be seen in the park is on the current web site.	
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8	Chairman's Report: HF	
	HF thanked the the members for their support and the committee for their work. In particular he thanked MB for dealing with the council in such a cooperative way after a previous year in which various members of the public (HF included) had had little response from the council in the face of apparent neglect. He was extremely happy to report on the effect of these good relations with the planting of the memorial garden and the leaf clearance in the past year, and the promise of more timely attention to maintenance. He was keen to emphasise that the council and the FoHP both wanted the gardens to look well, and to be used and appreciated by everybody and that the FoHP were keen to help the council where ever the council thought it appropriate. He looked forward to a year of enjoyment in the gardens.	
9	Election of Officers	
	Chair: HF: proposed by ET, seconded, Richard Andrews	
	Liaison: MB: proposed by HF, seconded ET	
	Treasurer: IC	
	Membership: Ian Herve: proposed Richard Andrews, seconded MB	
	Web and Media: DR : Proposed HF, seconded EJ.	
	Secretary : JV: Proposes Richard Andrews, seconded, Jeanette Carr	
	Members without Portfolio : Erica Timothy, Erica Jones, David Carr, Susanne McCarragher. Proposed and voted	
10	AOB	
	Activities: To answer a general enquiry as to what activities we undertake it was noted that we have existed for 6 months only. Now that good two way relations with the council have been established, members currently are involved with litter picking and stick collecting for the Insect banks. However we have in principle proposed an event in May to be supervised by Avon Wildlife trust and the Council, and one in September to celebrate the members activities. Kubb will be reinstated in the park on Sundays when spring has set in. Wildlife monitoring – bird, bat, insect and plant lists will develop as the involvement of the FoHP develops. A committee meeting will be held to discuss activities. A Handbook will be produced to cover what is required in setting up a public event in the Park	HF SM
11	Next AGM: Tuesday 6 Feb 2018	