

**Gorgeous Gorse Hill Minutes 7th January 2015: AGM**

**In attendance:** Sandra Aguilera, Mary Burroughs, Mike Cordingley, Bec Elvey, Ruth Hannan (Chair), Marje Kelly, Lisa Mcauley, Mary Patel, Paula Pierrson, Bill Sumner, Jennie Wadsworth, Laurence Walsh, Nic Ward

1. **Welcome**

This was the first AGM, and a fitting start to the new year. Thank you to everybody who has supported the project.

1. **Finance**

The group is in a financially strong position, having received grants to the value of £35,000 since June 2013, though all funding is committed so we need to continue looking and applying for new sources of income.

The major outgoings for this period are the painting of the BT boxes, the noticeboards and plants for the tree pits.

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| **Last Update:** | **05-Jan-15** |  |
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| **Income** | **Amount** |  |
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| Forever Manchester | £250 | Received |
| Thrive Trafford | £1,500 | Received |
| Stagecoach | £500 | Received |
| Helgeson Chemist | £50 | Received |
| Gorse Hill Community Panel | £2,000 | Received |
| Thrive Trafford 14/15 | £2,000 | £1000 received |
| St Vincent's Housing | £250 | Received |
| THT Community Panel 14/15 | £2,500 | To be received |
| Grassroots Giving | £500 | To be received |
| **Total** | **£9,550** |  |
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| **Expenditure** | **Amount** | **Date** |
| Orchard Trees | £250 | 24-Oct-13 |
| Tools for Bulb Day | £57 | 03-Nov-13 |
| Seeds for Planting Day | £38 | 17-Mar-14 |
| Noticeboards x 2 | £390 | 21-Mar-14 |
| 23 Mar Plants | £70 | 23-Mar-14 |
| Bulbs for Tree Pits | £20 | 01-May-14 |
| GGH Stamp | £38 | 15-Jun-14 |
| Compost For Fun Day | £31 | 15-Jun-14 |
| BT Box Artist | £934 | 21-Jul-14 |
| Additions to Noticeboards |  | £250 to be paid |
| Plants for Tree Pits Etc | £200 |  |
| RH owed £27 plants |  | £27 to be paid |
| Web hosting | £20 |  |
| Tickets for MEN Awards | £50 |  |
| Bulbs for Burleigh Court |  | To be paid |
| Equipment for Activity Day | £47 | To be paid |
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| **Total Spent** | **£2,146** |  |
| **Total Remaining** | **£7,404** |  |

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| **Income from Better Together** | **£25,000** | Apr-14 |
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| **Expenditure** |  | 05-Jan-15 |
| Tree removal | £960 |  |
| Mosaic Bollards | £1,500 | To be paid |
| Metal Bollards |  |  |
| Roller Shutters | £3,935 |  |
| Labour for Rest Space & Burleigh Court | £2,822 |  |
| Planters for Avondale Corner | £1,770 |  |
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| **Total Spend** | **£10,987** |  |

The bank account has been delayed but should be open imminently.

1. **Project Review by Funding Stream**

* **Forever Manchester:** £250 for plants for tree pits
* **Thrive 2013:** £1,500 for BT box painting and planting.
* **Stagecoach:**  £500 for planting on Chester Rd – still to spend
* **Helgeson Chemist:** £50 donation for GGH photos, used for tickets to the profile-raising MEN awards
* **Gorse Hill Community Panel 2013:** £2,000 for painting shutters and plants. Following the Better Together award, this money will now be used for the second wave of shutter painting.
* **Thrive Trafford 2014:** £2,000 for building a border and planting around the Bishop’s Blaize bus stop, and for the artist, Caroline Daly to paint the toilet block. Trafford Council have now granted permission, and CD is currently devising a schedule of work. There will be heavy consultation upon receipt of designs.
  + Concerns raised over potential vandalism of the toilet block – GGH stated, evidence shows ‘vandals’ tend to respect other artists’ work, furthermore the block is only unlocked during matchdays.
  + Concerns raised that it’s not an eyesore, so should be left – GGH stated that’s no reason not to decorate it and create a statement for GH.
* **St Vincent’s Housing:** £250 for the noticeboards.
* **Trafford Housing Trust Community Panel:** £2,500 for planters at various bus stops
* **Grassroots Giving/Skipton Building Society:** £500 for planting
* **Better Together/Groundwork:** £25,000, of which c.£11,000 remains. So far money has been allocated for dead tree removal, roller shutter painting and bollard mosaics, which will potentially be produced in conjunction with various local groups. Remaining funds to go towards Caroline Daly decorating metal bollards, wooden planters and decorated and planted tyres at the Avondale/Chester Rd corner, as well as plants throughout the area.

Painting of shutters is due to start Sat 10th Jan, with Helgeson Chemists and Pepper Parts.

**Open grant applications**

* David Wilson Homes: herb spiral
* Red Rose Forest: new trees for old – trees for the oldest residents of GH. One potential planting location is the unused land behind PC World.

**ACTION**: LW finding contact details of land owner.

1. **Elections**

The following people were elected to posts on the GGH committee:

General committee member: Sandra Aguilera, Lisa Mcauley, Jennie Wadsworth

Treasurer: Mary Patel

Secretary: Nic Ward

Chair: Ruth Hannan

1. **AOB**

Some discussion around further areas for work, locations mentioned include:

* Estate to the east of Talbot Rd
* Further utility boxes
* Railings on Gorse Lane/Cranford Ave and near B&Q.
* NW Electric substations – some discussion already taken place regarding Longford Rd site, and will be followed up when current projects slow down.
* Chester Rd rest space near the canal bridge.

**The next meeting will be on the 19th February at 7pm.**