

Stratford St Mary First Responders Annual General Meeting Minutes 2019

This was due to be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was cancelled in line with the government guidelines at that time. In lieu of the physical meeting, the committee thought it best to compile the reports usually contained within the minutes as a record for the group's activities.

The committee members were all happy to stay in position for another year.

Jane Lelliott
Secretary

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Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 March 2020					
Cheque No	Description	Income	Expenditure	Total	
	b/f			3,627.71	
04-Jun	Donation from Langham Ladies	23.50		3,651.21	
04-Jun	Coffee morning	34.45		3,685.66	
19-Jun	Donation Gill Woodman	30.00		3,715.66	
03-Jul	Donation box Swan	37.25		3,752.91	
03-Jul	Shepherd Quiz night July	92.00		3,844.91	
17-Jul	Flowers for Georgina		24.99	3,819.92	
30-Jul	Donation Helen McBride	13.00		3,832.92	
30-Jul	Coop green token award	500.00		4,332.92	
05-Aug	Donation box Langham Community shop	10.69		4,343.61	
05-Aug	Easy Funding	18.71		4,362.32	
12-Aug	Shepherd Quiz night August	104.00		4,466.32	
05-Sep	Shepherd quiz night September	112.50		4,578.82	
16-Oct	Shepherd quiz night October	114.10		4,692.92	
29-Oct	Donation box Anchor	57.95		4,750.87	
29-Oct	Donation box Black Horse	22.01		4,772.88	
15-Nov	Shepherd quiz night November	120.00		4,892.88	
25-Nov	Easy Funding	43.44		4,936.32	
17-Jan-20	Shepherd quiz night January	114.00		5,050.32	
06-Feb-20	Waitrose token scheme	530.00		5,580.32	
26-Feb-20	Cost of training room 2020		242.00	5,338.32	
23-Mar-20	Cost of t shirts and fleeces		124.24	5,214.08	
01-Apr-20	Easy funding	52.79		5,266.87	
01-Apr-20	Donation box Swan	47.68		5,314.55	

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<p>The SSM CFR group has had a busy year. The committee had several changes to its members, Tony Nixon stood down as chair after many years, a big thank you to him and all he did for the group. This position was taken over by Brian Worton. Helen Garland stood down as treasurer but remains on the committee as a member, the treasurer role was taken over by Peter Dawson. Jane Lelliott remained as the secretary and we welcomed Luciana Hayward to the committee as a member.</p> <p>Sue Lawrence also stood down from the committee due to personal commitments, a big thanks goes out to Sue as well for all she did for the group as a responder, the co-ordinator and as a committee member.</p>																															

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<p>Gerogina Worton had to stand down as a responder due to personal commitments, many thanks go to her for the work she did as a responder. This left the group with just one responder for most of the year. There has been several people interested in joining the group, we have one person awaiting training, 3 more awaiting interviews and the good news was in December we had a fully trained responder join the group, Stephen Finch, who was a responder in Colchester. So hours and cover should go up in 2020.</p> <p>Due to Covid19 things had to be altered slightly. Several responders in neighbouring areas could not respond due to age or existing medical conditions. This did mean that several kit bags were sitting idle. One of these was the Dedham bag. This has been taken over by Stephen on a temporary basis until the situation returns to normal. He lives on Severalls Lane so will still give additional cover to Langham and SSM.</p> <p>In 2018 the group covered the area for 433 hours. In 2019, this was increased to 575 hours or 48 hours per month. In the first quarter of 2020 we have recorded 277 hours. Hopefully we can keep this performance up. In 2019 the group had 63 alerts of which about 50% were attended by a CFR, the other 50% were either stand downs or the Ambulance arrived at the same time and the CFR was not required.</p> <p>Financially the group has done very well. We started the year with £3627.71 in our bank account, at the end of the year this had increased to £5314.55, an increase of £1686.84. The group raised £2078.07, this included £500 from the co-op token scheme, £530 from the Waitrose token scheme and £650 from quiz nights held at the Shepherd in Langham. The remainder was donations, collection boxes, coffee mornings and easy funding. There was £391.23 spent, this was in the training room and brand new smart uniforms.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>	
<p>Chairman's Report</p>	
<p>I would like to start by thanking Peter and Stephen, and the members of the committee for their time and efforts invested in the group, and indeed all those that help with the excellent work the group does.</p> <p>The Covid-19 situation has created a strange time for us all and it shows the dedication of our responders that, for those that it was safe to, have continued to provide our community with such important emergency care considering the personal sacrifice that this may mean. The area is lucky to have such dedicated responders, thank you Peter and Stephen.</p> <p>The increase of hours the group has provided cover for has increased by 133% in the last year and this reflects the efforts and time provided by our responders to the community, many thanks.</p> <p>The finances of the group are good, and I would like to thank the community at large for its support of this critical service to the local community.</p>	

