

Minutes of General Meeting

Date	13th April 2021
Time	1pm
Venue	Zoom hosted by Jo

Agenda topic	Action				
<p>Attendees:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Bryan • Geoff Bryan • Jo Coulson • Laura Johnson </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Beech • Rob Lamonby • John Burgess • Harmesh Jassal </td> </tr> </table> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Bunn </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Andrews </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Bryan • Geoff Bryan • Jo Coulson • Laura Johnson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Beech • Rob Lamonby • John Burgess • Harmesh Jassal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Bunn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Andrews 	
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1. Attendees and Apologies					
John welcomed members. Apologies noted.					
2. Accuracy of Minutes					
All Correct. Seconded by John Burgess					
3. Matters arising from meeting of 9th Feb 2021					
All matters arising on agenda					
4. Hospital Parking Update	PB				
The problem where members were getting letters from the hospital saying blue badge holders had to pay has now been dealt with and hopefully will no longer occur, but if anyone has a problem please let Pam or John know.					
5. Planning issues					
Harmesh reported that he had raised the issues of lack of consultation and the Equality Impact Assessments for several ongoing projects with the heads of departments and asked them to contact STAND. To date nothing more has been heard about the toilets closures, changing places unit, bollards in Hanley, Pall Mall car park or the proposals to demolish Meigh Street Car park and the bus gates on Basford Bank. Harmesh promised to raise this again with					

<p>managers. We had heard from the people responsible for the Red Routes and were very pleased with the speedy response.</p> <p>Harmesh said that managers would be invited to our next Exec meeting on 11 May so we could find out more about the City Plan and other outstanding issues. Pam will email Phil Cresswell to outline our concerns.</p>	<p>PB HJ</p>
6. Car Parking Standards	
<p>STAND had passed on our recommendations to Tom Coates, however the BSI recommendations were not relevant to the planning issues under discussion so STAND had recommended the percentage of disabled people within the general population be used alongside our recommendations for a percentage of the number of spaces available, with a basic minimum where there were only a few spaces available.</p>	<p>PB</p>
7 Fenton Town Hall Update	
<p>STAND had been consulted on the access to the refurbished Town Hall and location of accessible toilets so we were horrified to receive plans from the Council for changing parking arrangements which if not changed would mean that many people with disabilities would not be able to get to the Town Hall. We have registered our concerns but again, heard nothing back. John Beech related the wasted hours on the phone trying to talk to someone about this issue.</p>	
8 Corona Virus Update	
<p>Most housebound people over 50 have now had their vaccine. STAND has received an assurance that the situation where many vulnerable/disabled people were left queuing for up to 45 minutes in the freezing cold had been investigated and would not happen again. Several members said how pleased they were about the rollout in recent weeks.</p>	
9. PIP Interview Recordings	
<p>John related the history to this item. Several people had challenged their PIP assessments as their recollection was different to that of the interviewer. STAND welcomes the fact that the recordings will not allow such errors to occur. Many thanks to the member who spotted this news as we can now tell people that they have this entitlement.</p>	
10 AOB None all covered	
11. Dates for next year	
Exec	General
11 May	15 June
13 July	10 Aug
14 Sept	12 Oct
9 Nov	14 Dec
<p>All meetings to be held by Zoom over the computer at 1pm. Anyone who wants to join us please contact Pam and you will be added to the list of people receiving a digital invitation.</p>	

<p>Apologies to all our members who do not have a computer. We cannot find a way of meeting safely, however if you have any concerns you wish to raise please contact John Beech 01782 612931 and he will raise them on your behalf.</p>	