

Beeston Community Resource CIO Trustees

Notes from the Trustees' meeting held Friday 7th February 2025, 2.44 – 4.52pm

Attendance:

Duncan Mitchell (chair), Sylvia Stephens, Chris Taylor, Martin Brasier (minutes), Nick Austin, John Chambers (briefly), with Robert Ashford and Harumi Mitchell.

Administration:

Chris Taylor is stepping down as Vice-Chair of Trustees, and Val Curry will take over that rôle. Chris will continue to oversee the budget and finances.

John Chambers, having served 3 terms, is retiring from being a Trustee. He will continue his involvement with the Centre in other ways. Our thanks to him for the dedication and integrity he has shown in all the work he has done, as a Trustee and through his involvement in so many different aspects of the life of MSRC.

Finance:

Room hire income has remained on target, and last month exceeded it by a good margin. This is a welcome return on the effort put into marketing MSRC as a venue. Chris Taylor has begun to look at setting the Centre's budget for next year.

Operations:

The Centre will participate in the Garden Trail again this year (7th/8th June). There will be a special event to celebrate 10 years of Beeston Community Resource, the charity which runs the Centre. The provisional date for this is May 2nd. The event will include taster sessions for various activities, similar to the Middle Street 50th anniversary event. "Not the AGM" will be a separate event, and will be held earlier than it was last year.

There will be a Volunteer Celebration event in July: this will take the form of a barbeque in the garden – date to be decided.

Recent minibus trips have been well supported, with a good range of participants. The recently launched café Loyalty Card scheme appears to be working well.

Staffing:

Applications for the post to replace Chinmayee close at the end of the month, and interviews will take place soon after. Although the funding for the extended café hours runs out shortly, we have agreed arrangements with kitchen staff and will allocate other funds to allow the current opening hours to continue.

Funding:

The climate for obtaining grants to support our core costs becomes increasingly challenging, but Colin has continued to have success with funding applications, and is taking advantage of training opportunities to keep well informed and up to date as to what funders are looking for in the applications they receive.