

Go Kidsgrove Meeting
13th February 2018 – held at The Railway Inn, Liverpool Road

NOTES OF MEETING

Present: Josephine Locke (Chair)

Janet Lacey	Andrew Marcus	Robin Wiles (LAP)	Apologies
Barnard Trudi	Mark Smithson	Philip Leese	Dawn Lacey
Kevin Phillips	Geoff Locke	Dorothy Fogg	Scott Donaldson
Hilary	Elaine Gibson	Michael Fogg	
Paul Waring	Paul Shenton	Chris Duffy	
Notable Dates			
Easter Holidays – Lost lambs town trail			

		ACTION
1	Welcome and Introductions – JL welcomed everyone to the Railway Inn, especially those who had not been before.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting held 16th Jan 2018 – agreed. Matters arising not picked up on Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 3c – tree lights have been removed. Ten further lighting fixtures have been obtained and are awaiting galvanisation. • Item 3d – more tree lights will be purchased in due course. 	JL/MS
3	EASTER EVENT PLANNING	
3a	The Easter event will be slightly different this year. Instead of collecting stickers, participants will collect the names of lambs which will be displayed in shops/shop windows. Shops in Butt Lane and Kidsgrove will be given a lamb to name (and decorate). We need the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers to help visit shops and get them to sign up. • Small chocolate treats to reward participants. • Easter Egg or similar raffle prizes. • Lambs for the shops (possible inflatable). • Trail map designed and printed. 	ALL JL TB TB
3b	A few shops decorated their windows for Valentine’s Day and these were photographed and featured on the Facebook page.	
4	HERITAGE TRAIL	
4a	Two heritage themed poetry events are in the planning stage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ‘open mike’ night at a local hostelry, probably 19th April. • A schools event in the first week of May. Both Kings’ and UAK will be participating. 	
4b	The information panels will require planning permission and an application is being prepared. Still waiting to find out what is	

	happening with the Peace Garden and whether we can use it.	
5	DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY STATUS	
5a	KP gave the group the background to this idea and RW filled in some details as he is currently working with Audley, Wolstanton and Loggerheads to achieve this accolade.	
5b	The next Go Kidsgrove meeting on 13 th March will include a talk from Will Boyce of Approach about becoming Dementia friendly.	ALL
5c	RW mentioned that need to register with the Dementia Action Alliance and submit an action plan. RW is able to deliver training for businesses, individuals and groups on dementia awareness.	
6	OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018	
6a	Harecastle tunnel boat trip – TB having trouble contacting the boat owner but will keep trying and report back next meeting.	TB
6b	JL has booked stalls for Go Kidsgrove and other partners at the Party in the Park event on 7 th July.	JL
6c	There is currently a major consultation on the future of Staffordshire libraries, including Kidsgrove. Please have your say either online or using the forms available in the library.	ALL
6d	Co-op Bank – PS reported that he had been in contact with the Co-op over the closure. It is a done deal but they might be interested in letting the building for community use on a peppercorn rent. We need to contact the owners to explore this in more detail.	PS/JL
7	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
7a	We have been in contact with a production company looking to develop a television series about how public art can bring a community together, with a prize of “a privately funded piece of public art that will celebrate the local people and the heritage of their community, which will become a new local landmark and cultural beacon.” Go Kidsgrove has sent them some details of what we have to offer and they are interested in finding out more about us. PL fed back on a long conversation he had with the company. We now need more people to contact the company explaining what makes Kidsgrove and its people interesting, what challenges we face, etc. TB will email contact details for the company and a suggestion of what to include in the e-mail. Please help us to persuade them that Kidsgrove could be the next ‘Big Thing’.	TB ALL
8	NEXT MEETING Tuesday 13 th March 2018, 6.30pm, at The Railway Inn (Includes talk on Dementia Awareness)	ALL