

CROWCOMBE CHEST

Meeting of the Custodians at Hooks, Crowcombe, on Monday 26th November 2018 at 7.00pm.

Present: Jonathan Denton (Chairman). Dan Davis, Bob Druitt, Ben Fawden, (Custodians). David Freemantle, Jamie Robertson. **Apologies:** Chris Lewis.

Appointment of Officers

All the Custodians agreed to remain in office for another year and no new candidates were put up for election.

Finance

At present The Chest has no banking facilities, it was agreed that it should remain like this for the moment. Any petty cash or promotion costs should be paid for by individual sponsors and not out of Chest Funds.

It was noted that Somerset Community Foundation had failed to advise us of a significant donation via Gift Aid. Jonathan had spoken about this to them and had been assured that steps had been taken to make sure that this would not happen in the future.

Marketing

It was felt that The Chest had not been marketing itself enough and that it was important to remind potential donors about the existence of The Chest on a regular basis. To this end it was agreed that we would do the following. Have regular articles / adverts in both CAW and Pathways (paid for by donations if necessary). Make better use of the website by updating information, contact details etc, and by uploading the Donation Form and Gift Aid declaration, as well as the Codicil Form originally provided by Somerset Community Foundation.

Jamie Robertson expressed a concern that recent marketing had stated that The Chest would be making donations to individual people rather than the broader purposes outlined in the initial 2015 invitation and this could diminish the list of potential donors. Jonathan assured him that this was not the intention, and that the next article / advert would reassert its' purpose so it was clear to everyone that individuals as well as organisations within the village and charities could all benefit from The Chest. The brief was extremely wide and each appropriate case would be considered both by The Custodians and Somerset Community Foundation.

David Freemantle kindly offered to host an Open Day of his gardens for The Chest (to be confirmed by Rosemary). This would provide a source of funding as well as highlighting its' existence to a wider audience.

AOB

Jamie Robertson raised the issue about there being no female Custodians. David Freemantle pointed out that he had approached the same number of males and females to be Custodians, but that only the males had accepted. It was agreed that an attempt would be made to appoint a female Custodian in the near future.

Date of Next Meeting

November 2019