



The Bereko Community Partnership

BEREKO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bereko Community Partnership, held on Wednesday 28th March 2018, St. Andrew's church halls at 5.00 pm.

Present: Sue Chalkley (St. Andrew's Church, Chair), Peter Crouch (Treasurer), Barbara Farnham (Secretary), Robin Hammerton, (St. Andrew's church), Cllr Ray Moon (Paddock Wood Town Council), Mary Smith, (St. Andrew's Church), Rachel Smith, (St. Andrew's Church), Revd. Canon Bryan Knapp (St. Andrew's Church),

1. Apologies: Katie Pointing, Lorraine Sinyard, Alan Smith, Claudia West.
2. Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the AGM held on 21st March 2017 were read and accepted.
3. Matters Arising: None
4. Chairperson's Report: This was read and is attached.
5. Treasurer's Report: This was read and is attached. Balance at 31/12/17 was £724.75
6. Election of Management Committee: Diana Allen had resigned due to moving away from the area. Robin Hammerton (St. Andrew's church) and Claudia West (Mascalls Academy) had both agreed to become committee members. It was unanimously agreed that they be elected to the committee together with all existing members as attached list.
7. Any Other Business: None



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Chair's report for 2017

The Bereko Community Partnership is in good heart and relationships between partner members and with colleagues in Bereko are strong. During 2017, communications with a variety of people in Bereko have been good, especially as WhatsApp has become more popular – it has been used to send and receive photos, videos and voice recordings.

During 2017, we launched the Bereko Community Partnership website: www.bereko.co.uk, which is kept up to date with the latest news about our work and events in Bereko.

A weekend display about Bereko was arranged in January at the church and was popular. Paddock Wood Town Council received a presentation about how the link was developing at its Annual General Meeting in April and we held a successful quiz night in May.

At the Paddock Wood Carnival, our Partnership provided a Bereko section in the church's stand. The theme was fish, with games and displays to raise awareness of our support for the Community Fish Farm in Bereko.

Through the Operation Tanzania shipping container, we have sent 25 boxes of school books, school uniforms and other goods to Bereko. We have since received photographs and messages, showing that they arrive safely and were greatly appreciated.

We always remember that, mostly, our link with Bereko is about forming and nurturing a long-term relationship, rather than funding projects. Our friendship provides great encouragement and inspiration to us and to them and we are very grateful for it.

We usually visit Bereko every two years and we plan to visit again, as a community, in October 2018.

Sue Chalkley

Chairman

Bereko Community Partnership

Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2017

1st January	Balance at Bank		371.00
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Receipts

May	Net Proceeds from Quiz	601.00	
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July	Carnival	49.61	
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Total Income		<hr/>	650.61
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Expenditure

February	Domain Name for two years	9.58	
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	Church Insight for Website	287.28	
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Total Expenditure		<hr/>	296.86
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Balance at Bank at 31st December			<hr/>	£724.75
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