The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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<u>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD on 4th NOVEMBER 2024</u>

Chair's Welcome.

Attending: Caroline Rathmell (Chair), Fiona Wilson (Secretary), Ajit Patel (Treasurer), Adrian Rathmell, Jenny Strachan, Helen Fletcher, Susan Sutton, Wendy Smith, Ken Ridgeway, Linda Parnell, Derek Whiting, Kate Fulton.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were accepted.

Matters arising from previous Minutes:

1. <u>Treasurer's report</u>: The extra fundraising has been working well. We have new Business Sponsors and new sponsors for the Town Hall window boxes. Sustainability efforts have reduced expenditure. There will be no need to increase the price of tub sponsorships next year.

2. <u>New Tubs:</u> We have replaced 32 tubs from grants and donations. More have been promised by the county council.

3. <u>New Compost:</u> The recent new peat free compost trial seems better so far but we will continue to monitor.

4. <u>Watering Rotas</u>: Each team is clear which area they are responsible for and it is working well although the geraniums were under stress with the change in weather patterns. The tubs looked good this summer.

5. <u>Planter near the river level indicator:</u> was planted by the dept. of the environment. Unfortunately the choice of plants did not suit this shady area. We will offer to replant and ask someone on Levenside to water them.

6. <u>The Ziggurat:</u> The wood needs oiling in the spring as it has dried out in the wind this year.

7. <u>Volunteer Numbers:</u> Several new people have joined us but at the same time some have had to withdraw for health reasons. Please continue to encourage new volunteers.

<u>Any Other Business:</u>   1) The pansies are planted in the spring, after the salt spreading has stopped.
2) A commemoration of the work of Fred Lee was discussed.

<u>Thursday Gang:</u> The work is done for the year. A final meeting for a coffee will be on November 14th.

<u>Next meeting</u>: To be confirmed.

The meeting was closed at 20:30.