

Present: Frances; Roger; Janet & Dave; Rob Butler; Philip; Jain; Elspeth; Terry; Trevor; Jan; Sylvia; Ruth; Karen; Joe; Bill

Apologies: Georgy

Finances

Now over £15K. Please hand on any Christmas Card monies. BT Giving page has closed; we won't take up the alternative offer.

Family & Housing

- Finding a property/properties remains a sticking point. However, with the news of Kensey Foods closing there may be much more property on the market.
- Private 'buy to let' landlords may be the way to go. Elspeth & Jain will investigate.
- Connection with Daniel Brewer's business may help - worth keeping that open.
- Letting agents - keep on at them. Bill
- Serena's comments on the Right to Rent rules is helpful. Bill to contact the Devon group mentioned re: sub-letting. Legal advice from County?
- Suggest another Trustee's meeting to confirm our 'offer' - Frances to call this please.
- Churches Together to be asked if any vacant properties. (Trevor)
- The Government scheme closes in December; we need properties & families by 31st October.

Meetings & Publicity

- A regular FB campaign was agreed - Joe to lead this, with a budget promised.
- Suggest the market stall on March 9th should have free coffee, and a 'come and chat' theme.
- Tesco's foyer would see most footfall - Bill to enquire of Shelley Vanstone
- Can we show the film: 'Human Float' by Ai Wei Wei. £120? - can we use the Town Hall? Bill

Volunteers

A Befrienders email has been sent; Jain to circulate her address list. Teachers also 'on standby'

Collections

- The situation in France is dire; refugees and aid workers are being harassed by the CRS (riot police) and numerous abuses of human rights have been reported. French authorities seem to turn a blind eye.
- The situation further east is dire, with Kurds beginning to join the stream of refugees. When climate refugees join, the situation over the next 10 years will become much much worse.
- Rob Butler gets a lot of support from the SW and Cornwall in particular.
- Always looking for donations and help; targeting festival clean ups this summer.
- Next trip to Europe is in March. Roger proposed & all agreed that we provide £100 for Rob if he cannot raise his £600 from other sources.
- Old tech: laptops, phones, chargers are needed. Later: batteries from Tinhay BS are promised.

43 Hurdon Way (Rob's house)

Methodist Church - Fridays 10am - noon

AOB

Storage at DB Storage is in use

Finance expected from: Town Council & Rotary (who will donate when we have a property)

Wellies - the large stock kept by the Ham family can be used by two charities known by Rob

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 28th February