



Addingham Civic Society
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.30 pm
Addingham Memorial Hall



1. Chairman's welcome and Apologies

Present: Trustees – Gill Battarbee (Chair), Seamus Bloomer, Ian Cameron, Pat Weatherill, Jayne Hood, Roger Seddon, Margaret Keating, Richard Walton, Chris Ensor (Minutes).

Members: There was a sufficient number of members in attendance for the AGM to be quorate.

Formal apologies: Jane Welby, Racheal Sharples, Malcolm & Diana Keeble, Steve Noblett, Gary Copping, Chris Cobley, Jane Farnell, Rob & Christine Smith, Malcolm & Pam Birdsall, Jan Hindle.

2. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on the 16th May 2024 and any matters arising.

No matters arising.

No questions.

Minutes proposed by Alan Davies, seconded by Jonathan White. All those members present were in favour.

3. To receive a report from the Chairman – Gill Battarbee.

The Chairman's report was distributed via the May newsletter, Gill summarised the key points.

- I. Gill extended her thanks to the trustees for their work "behind the scenes".
- II. The number of members now stands at 396, Gill thanked Margaret for her work as membership secretary.
- III. Gill summarised the purpose of the Civic Society as having 4 themes:-
Community, Heritage, Planning and Environment.
 - a. Community – Addingham will host the summer meeting of YHACs. Gill informed us that she hosted the Chair of the YHACs (and her husband) and took them on a tour of the village and surrounding environs. She relayed their complimentary remarks regarding the village.
 - b. Heritage – Gill remarked that the group has been very busy under the chairmanship of Ian, putting together an excellent exhibition in the Hub for the V.E. day anniversary. Designing and leading a new walk around the village for Bradford City of Culture and representing Addingham at Skipton? Gill also extended a special welcome to Malcolm Birdsall (ex-chair of the society) and his wife who have moved back to Addingham.
 - c. Planning – Gill thanked the group for their work reviewing planning applications.
 - d. Environment – Their work is well known in the village. Gill thanked them for this and noted that it was probably instrumental in helping to persuade

Yorkshire Water to include Addingham in their planned works for Ilkley e.g. Low Mill pumping station.

- e. Gill informed the meeting that Gary Copping was stepping down as a Trustee however he will continue to maintain the ACS website. Gill thanked him for his work and contribution as a trustee and his ongoing involvement.

No questions arose from the report.

4. Finance Report

A copy of the end of year accounts was sent out with the May newsletter for the accounts. Gill noted that as the society's income is less than £25,000, auditing of the accounts is not a legal requirement. However, as good practice, the end of year accounts are reviewed and verified by Ian Drysdale, Gill thanked him for signing off accounts.

There were no questions regarding the 2024 accounts.

- a. Gill introduced Seamus Bloomer who has taken over responsibility for the accounts.
- b. Income - Seamus informed the meeting that the closing balance for 2024 was £22,499.02. He noted that the income from subscriptions had increased but explained that this was mainly due to the rise in subscriptions fees. The society received a £5,000 grant from Bradford Council as part of the City of Culture enterprise. Overall the society's income for the year was £11,968.94.
- c. Expenditure – Seamus noted the society's expenditure of £503.99 on books/publishing and bank fees of £45, he explained that these were not bank charges per se but cumulative fees for using payment facilities such as PayPal and Sum Up.
- d. Seamus advised that the ACS has a deposit account with the Skipton Building Society, a current account with Virgin Money and Petty cash of approximately £400. The ACS retains a sum of £3000 for each of the 4 individual elements of the society.

There were no questions arising from accounts.

The accounts were proposed by and seconded by members of the society.

5. Nominations

There are no Officers stepping down at present. There were no nominations from the floor for Officers. There were no nominations from the floor for Trustees. Gill informed the meeting that she had not received any written questions.

6. AOB

Gill remarked that a member had approached her about the sale of the Methodist Church but it was deemed to be inappropriate for discussion at the AGM. Jonathan White thanked the Trustees and especially Gill for their hard work. Gill closed the meeting at 20.05.