

Addingham Heritage Group Planning Meeting 7 August 2023

Minute

Present: Don Barrett (DB) (Opening Chair), Gill Battarbee (GB), Mike Bolton (MB), Ian Cameron (IC) (Chair from 4.3 onwards), Chris Cobley (CC), Gary Copping (GC), Paul Harris (PH), Rob Smith(RS)

Paul Harris was welcomed as a new member to the Group. Jonathan White is planning to join in due course.

1. Apologies: David Johnston

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (10th July 2023)

Accepted as correct

3. Matters arising (not mentioned below)

None

4. AGM

4.1. Report by Chair

As **DB** is stepping down as Chair at this meeting he gave an overview of the many achievements of the Heritage Group since it became an official subgroup of the ACS in November 2021. He thanked all members of the group, both past and present, for their contributions, especially **MB** and **DJ**.

4.2. Financial Support

An income of £787 (from grants and the £100 prize from Yhacs) together with a £500 setting up fund was noted.

Expenditure amounting to £1131 had been paid out during the period.

4.3. Election of New Chair of the Heritage Group

IC has volunteered to take on the role of Chair and this was unanimously accepted by all present. There was agreement to ask **DJ** to remain as Minutes Secretary.

Action: IC

Other roles will be assigned in due course.

IC thanked **DB** for all his dedication on creating the Photoarchive over the years, and in establishing and chairing the Group to date. **DB** was presented him with his own Blue Plaque which had been organized by **MB**.

5. Publicity and exhibitions

5.1 ACS meeting on 20th July 2023

This had been a success with over 70 members attending. The opening remarks by **DB** and the slide show before the break (depicting places, people and events through the decades) had been well received and generated much discussion in the breakout groups in the second session.

IC had collated and circulated the responses produced at the event. These were discussed and it was agreed to add specific items onto the future priorities list.

Action:IC

There had also been corrections suggested to images on the photo-archive. **DB** agreed to deal with any corrections/additions to the photo-archive.

Action:DB

GB reminded the group about the importance of feeding back, when appropriate, to attendees.

Action:IC

5.2 ACS New Members' Booklet

A revision of the booklet is being prepared. The text of the AHG section would benefit from updating. There was considerable discussion on possible amendments. **IC**, **RS** and **PH** agreed to take this forward and circulate an amended version to the full group for agreement.. **GB** pointed out that the changes should be sent to Jane by 1st September at the latest.

Action: IC,RS,PH

5.3 Future Event – ACS July 2024 meeting

IC pointed out that on the ACS membership card for 2023/24 the AHG is listed as organizing the talk/session in July 2024. Preliminary thoughts were that this could involve a series of short presentations (ten minutes) by group members or others presenting different aspects of Addingham's heritage. An example might be the Tour de France 2014 as it will be 10 years since it came through Addingham. To put on the forward planner.

Action:IC

6 Heritage Group Aims and Objectives

IC had previously circulated comments from the brainstorming exercise on July 10th using the headings of Photo-archive, Projects, Publications/Research, Promotion and Publicity, Process and Partnership. There was general agreement that Promoting, Recording and Informing about Heritage were the essence of the Group's role. **GC** felt better use of the website should be prioritized and expanded or with the AHG possibly having its own website. There were further suggestions for inclusion. There was agreement on the need for a dedicated discussion on determining priorities..

Action:IC

7. Projects

7.1 School Quiz Report

This had again been a success, with the children undertaking their own detailed searches. There had been one or two glitches in that the form teacher had not been informed that the two AHG

members were booked to do the quiz. There was also an issue with regard to DBS accreditation which will need to be addressed if the quiz takes place again next year.

Action:GB

7.2 Greenwood Mausoleum

CC reported that the roof has now been made watertight. The doors are solid and do not require work on them. No further action to be taken at this time.

7.3 Farfield Meeting House

The Farfield Meeting House committee have approached the ACS regarding the future of the building. They wish to form a Trust to be responsible for the Meeting House when the Historic Chapels Trust ceases to exist in the near future. The possibility of an individual from ACS joining this has been raised. ACS have compiled a set of questions to ask the committee before any decision is made on this request.

Action:GB

7.4 Closure of the Methodist Church

GB noted this for comment as to whether the ACS should consider applying for a Certificate for Community Value in order to be aware of future developments on this.

8. Future Funding requirements

8.1 iBase Renewal

The 10 year contract was taken out at a cost of £5k at the beginning of 2020 and so will be up for renewal in 2030. It meets our needs at present, although the present contract does not include updates. Although this is a future concern, the AHG needs to be concerned of the funding implications and how this will be financed when the contract expires.

9. Websites and social media

9.1 Location of ACS and Village Newsletter Articles from AHG

It is not easy to find these heritage reports in the archives. This again highlights the benefits of creating a new AHG website. There was agreement this would be included as a future priority.

9.2 Addingham Information website

The new version is now live thanks to the efforts of **GC** and **DB**

9.3 Facebook

Addingham Info could make more use of Facebook such as posting on Totally Local.

9.4 Instagram

Andrew Dennehy-Neil is still posting the occasional image on this.

9.5 Deferred Items

Matters concerning (i) Analytics and (ii) Scanned slides were deferred until next meeting.

10. ACS and Village Newsletters

GB noted that although it is not a problem for the electronic version, the length of the monthly ACS newsletter is becoming a concern for the hard copies distributed to a number of members due to increased costs. A possible solution may be to provide a summary of the full version for distribution of the printed version.

Jane to be asked to provide a deadline date for when contributions for the monthly newsletter should be received.

Action: GB

A note on the changes to Addingham Info website would be placed in the Village newsletter which is currently being compiled.

Action: DB, GC

11. AOCB

11.1 City of Culture 2025

Bradford Council representatives have met with the Parish Council to discuss the City of Culture and its theme of Arts, Culture and Heritage. The AHG need to consider how they might contribute.

Action: All

11.2 Low Mill request

The Low Mill Managing Company have approached the ACS requesting permission to use images from the Photo-Archive. IC has responded and it is hoped that they might be sympathetic towards the production of an Information Board, similar to the one at High Mill, in return.

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 18th September 2023 at 5.00pm in The Hub

(To be confirmed)