



Addingham Civic Society
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees
Tuesday 16th January at 19.15 p.m.
Mount Hermon



1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies

Present: Gill Battarbee (Chair). Roger Seddon (Vice Chair). Mike Williams (Treasurer). Richard Walton. Malcolm Keeble. Margaret Keating. Ian Cameron. Gary Copping. Jayne Hood. Pat Weatherill. Steve Lloyd. Jane Welby (Minutes Secretary).

Apologies: Steve Noblett

2. Declarations of Interest - None declared

3. Minutes of the Trustees' Meeting of 21st November 2023 and Matters Arising

8 (ii) The original Best Kept Village sign has been renovated and returned. The replica is awaiting renovation but delayed due to the weather.

Items 5 (ii); 6 (i) and 13 (i) are agenda items.

All other actions points have been completed.

The minutes were proposed as a true record by Gary Copping and seconded by Steve Lloyd . All in favour.

4. Correspondence

- I. Email received from Helen Kidman, Ilkley Civic Society, with a copy of their response about the cuts proposed by Bradford Council. MP Robbie Moore also forwarded his response but this was not circulated due to its political stance as the ACS is not a politically affiliated organisation.
- II. Gordon **Tasker** (Local Dales Way monitor) contacted RS with information about the scheme 'Trees not Tees'. This refers to Tshirts and proposes that instead of Tshirts being produced for events, funding could be used for planting trees. This will be forwarded to the AEG and CAA for consideration.
- III. GB received an email from the primary school with a request to continue the enrichment programme. GB responded with an overview with what can be offered going forward.
Action – 4.ii RS to forward to AEG and CAA

5. Finance

- I. MW provided an update covering November and December 2023 finances. There has been very little change over this period and events that took place, whilst making a profit were offset by expenditure. Gift Aid was claimed and amounted to £845.00
- II. Unfortunately, Ross Pearson is unable to take over the role of Treasurer for personal reasons.
- III. GB and the Trustees thanked Mike for his contribution over his tenure as Treasurer and wished him Bon Voyage as he starts his travels.
- IV. MW has been sorting through the out of date finance documents and anything over six years old has been bagged for shredding. This timescale was agreed by the Trustees. He suggested that when a new Treasurer is appointed, this could be a joint role. MAK checked the members who have offered their help and three people have been identified to approach. In the interim, the bank details will not be changed as there are still two signatories and GB will manage the accounts until a new Treasurer is appointed as no large events are planned at this time. GC suggested that the Treasurers email account should be transferred to him and he will forward emails to the appropriate people.
- V. Due to 5 ii Co-optation was unable to go ahead.
- VI. DBS – Action Point Keighley have been extremely helpful in advising which levels of DBS are appropriate depending on the relevant activity of individuals and groups. There is a £35 registration fee, with a cost of £12 per person including VAT. This is considerably cheaper

than North Yorkshire and it was agreed that this should go ahead. The ACS agreed to pay these fees as the DBS has no other value to the individual as it is not transferable.

- VII. First Aid – This has been booked for the 25th March and the Fleece have very kindly offered their function room free of charge. They can provide refreshments at three intervals throughout the day at £5 per person and can also provide a light lunch at £10 per head. The ACS agreed to pay 50% of the cost for Trustees and all the cost of refreshments excluding lunch. The full amount needs to be paid to secure the booking and will need to be recouped from the participants.
- VIII. Heritage Group D Day Exhibition – This will be a month long display in the Hub but will incur some cost which have yet to be determined, but will include printing of maps, and models. It will be centred on Addingham Residents who played an active part and include testimonies from residents who lived through the war relating their experiences of Addingham at that time.
- IX. The Heritage group have again been invited to the Yorkshire Heritage Summit, this year at Hull with a cost of £35.00. RS proposed this payment, seconded by GB. All in favour.

Actions – 5.iv GB to contact potential Treasurers. Treasurers email to be transferred to GC in the interim.
5.vi GB to contact Action Point to start the DBS process
5.vii Payment to be made to secure First Aid Training

6. Book Sales

- I. SL reported that the book sales for the month amounted to £22.00. With the float of £40 this should be enough to purchase books from the newsagents when it closes this year.

7. Planning

MK thanked RW for standing in for him in his absence.

- I. Horn Cragg Quarry planning appeal. This will start 20th February at Bradford City Hall and has been allocated six days over two weeks plus reserve days. The ACS has been granted rule 6 status which means they can give evidence, be cross examined and ask questions. Rick Battarbee will be representing the ACS using an ecological debate focused on biodiversity. Three major issues encompassed in the overall debate also focus on water and landscape. Rick has until next week to provide evidence.
- II. Bradford Council is looking at assets to sell. The old school site in Addingham is owned by the council so may be at risk. It is the best biodiverse site in the village, but opposition would also relate to the issue of access. Bradford planning is keen to open lines of communication with civic societies and this should provide a forum in which to debate the issues.
- III. Also in relation to Bradford council's proposed cost cutting measures, GB circulated an email outlining a potential response to the consultation. Discussion focused on whether the ACS should respond on behalf of members and a consensus was reached that it should come from the Trustees, with their names supporting this. GB asked for suggestions for the content and IC suggested that it should largely focus on the proposed closure of the tip and subsequent concerns such as the potential for fly tipping, reduced recycling and travel implications for the environment. In addition, other areas of concern are the proposed reduction in library services although it is not clear how or if Addingham will be affected, and also the proposal to stop cultural funding grants which would impact the work undertaken by the Heritage group in particular. The Bradford City of Culture funds are ring-fenced and therefore won't be affected but withdrawing the cultural funding grants would have long term implications.
- IV. Ward Boundary Consultation – It was agreed that the ACS would not send a response or represent members as it is a political issue which does not fall within the remit of the ACS. Individual responses would be more appropriate.

Action – 7.iii GB to draft a response to the proposed cuts

8. Heritage Group Update

- I. IC provided an update, reporting that the slides have now all been converted but need to be uploaded to the photo archive which is a large task.

- II. Permission to erect an information board at Low Mill has been granted by the owner of the site wall but unfortunately, for planning consent, falls under the category of advertising. This is a very broad planning concept which is not entirely represented in the title, but incurs planning costs to gain permission of £578.00. It was agreed that contact should be made with the 'chair' of the new ACS/Planning forum and also with the Bradford City of Culture chair as the information board will have significance for the BCC year and proposed activities, but would also have implications for any future information boards. IC will draft a letter.
- III. GB thanked the Heritage Group, Gary Copping and Don Barrett for their work on the Civic Society websites and for updating the Blue Plaque Trail with QR codes and information.
Action – IC to draft a letter to the chairs of the Planning group and BCC

9. Environment Group Update

- I. A grant has been awarded to AEG from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for benches for the Craven Crescent Green.
- II. Instead of the Environment group weekends, the CAA and the AEG will organise four designated themed weeks throughout the year focusing on Water, Nature and Biodiversity, Waste, and Energy Consumption.
- III. The speaker meeting in February will have a guest speaker – Nick Bailey of Denton Hall who will speak about their project for the hall and grounds.
- IV. Reports are due from the pollination survey and the residents questionnaire.

10. Membership Subscriptions

- I. MAK reported that there are now 381 members including 10 honorary. £3229.00 in subs has been collected **for the current year starting in September..**
- II. Trustees will be given New Members Booklets in an attempt to recruit new members. With the departure of the Treasurer, further printing will be delayed until a new Treasurer can be included. In the interim, the last version will be used.

11. ACS Events

- I. Calendar – GC and GB have created a google calender for the ACS activities. Trustees and group members will receive instructions when the link is ready of how to view this with a limited number of individuals able to make entries and amendments.
- II. Summer trips – GB suggested more local trips in the future, to keep costs down for members and in consideration of the environment.
- III. New Members Social Evening will be kept on the events agenda.
- IV. Musical events – A suggestion was put forward to introduce these to the events calendar but it was decided that this would be left until the City of Culture 2025.
- V. Social Evening Meal – 23 signed up so far. Eight places remain.
- VI. Walks – This will be a theme for the ACS contribution to the BCC in 2025.
- VII. Petanque group – PW agreed to organise this with some assistance.
- VIII. BCC25 meetings are ongoing. ACS main theme is walks and four are being planned by the Heritage Group with another four by the AEG from March to October. Addingham will submit a grant application for the maximum amount of £15,000.00 and each group needs to consider what they might need from this sum. The Heritage group are considering republishing their walking books and Blue Plaques Trail.

Action – 11.i GC to advise Trustees and group members of the link to the calendar when it is available and provide written advice regarding access to the appropriate group leads.

12. Programme

- I. Assistance has been agreed for the speaker meeting this month.
- II. RW commented that a wifi microphone headset is required for the forthcoming speaker meetings as the current equipment is no longer fit for purpose. Suggestions needed for an appropriate appliance.

13. Projects

None at the current time

14. Chairman's Items & AOB

- I. GC suggested the use of pcloud for storing meeting minutes and documents which would act as a back up. GB & GC will meet to discuss the specific criteria for this and a volunteer will be needed to upload the documents.
- II. The Spring Village Newsletter is due for distribution in March.
- III. GB requested suggestions at the next Trustees meeting for potential recipients for the Civic Pride Award 2024.
- IV. YHACs – GB will attend the AGM. Membership has been paid for this year. GB has submitted an application for the Spawforth award for the CAA, highlighting its inclusivity. She has also written an article about the CAA for their newsletter.
- V. JH reported that the Facebook account has been suspended, reason unclear. JH to forward the communication from facebook to GB and it will be set up again.

Actions – 14.iii – Trustees to offer suggestions at next meeting for names of a recipient/s for the Civic Pride Award 2024.

14.v GB and JH to review contact from Facebook and set up a new account.

The meeting closed at 22.00

The date of the next meeting: Mount Hermon Tuesday 20th February at 19.15.