

AGM – MINUTES

BETTER BARROW COMMUNITY PROJECT

Tuesday 8th April 2014: 7.00pm Vicar's Rooms

Present: (Chair) Trevor Millum, (Vice-Chair) Steve Johnson, (Treasurer) Stuart Leyland, (Secretary) Dee Burney-Jones.

Committee Members: Sylvia Millum, Berny Johnson, Ann Boulton, Helen Anglum, Bobbie Walkington, Rod Whitaker, Nigel Catley.

Attendees: Julian Dunning, Lynn Johnson, Janet Hughes, Carol Thornton, Joelle Harris, Pam Whitaker, David Blakey, Sue Hilton, Adrian Rawnsley, Wendy Rawnsley, Peter Blake, Victoria Cheeseman, Marilyn Catley, Sue Stephenson, Dave Stephenson, Neil Jacques, John Anglum, Sara Martineau, Michael Cox, Peter Clark, Robert Lyden, Cynthia Lyden, Mark Crawford.

1. Apologies: Pam Loxley (Committee Member); Irene & Bill Ballam, Anne Margetson, Kim Courtney, Christine Ellis, Richard Allinson, Kevin Guy, Janet Cox, David Martineau.
2. Trevor welcomed all present and apologised for an omission on the Agenda. We had not noted Minutes from the previous AGM (26.3.13) and Matters Arising from that. As copies of the AGM had been distributed to all present, time was given to look through and raise any issues as they arose page by page. No issues were raised, and the AGM Minutes were deemed a fair and accurate account of the meeting.

Proposed: Pam Whitaker; seconded: Bobbie Walkington

3. Presentation of Annual Report (Chair – Trevor Millum)

Trevor spoke to his prepared Annual Report which covered all aspects of the work of BBCP over this past year. A copy of this full report will be appended to these Minutes.

Thanks:

Trevor gave especial thanks to Neil Jacques (formerly of N. Lincolnshire Council) for his expertise, advice and active support with our endeavours.

Trevor thanked all Committee members for their hard work and individual contributions. However, he especially thanked Rob Whitaker for the amount of time he has spent and his efforts in leading and organising the necessary traffic survey and for collating the results in an acceptable form for presentation to community members, North Lincolnshire Council, the architects and possible funders.

At this point, with the Committee's agreement Trevor brought forward the Q&A (Item 9).

Q&A

Sue Stephenson asked if there were a time scale on the Market Place project.

Trevor replied that although we had an outline, ideal timescale for the different stages in the process of the project e.g. taking the consultation results to the architects, and having a date for their presentation to the community (June 2014), there was still a high degree of variables with regard to precise timing. One of the biggest 'next steps' will be applying and being granted funding, and this could take some time.

Sue Hilton said that there were times, usually at fixed times in the year, when contractors came into the village, and asked if this had been taken into account in the traffic and parking survey, as they didn't seem to have been mentioned at the time. Trevor replied that they had not been included within the survey but he and the Committee would certainly investigate this matter. Rob Whitaker said that he would welcome help from anyone present to carrying out any additional survey work that may be required after our enquiries. Trevor followed up this point, by saying that we would welcome any volunteers to help practically with this and our events.

Peter Clark said he had an interest in promoting John Harrison, and that he had made contact with the John Harrison Foundation of Grimsby. Both Peter Clark and Trevor Millum had had separate experiences of people either of Barrow residents not knowing John Harrison but people abroad knowing about him and his achievements, or vice versa. Trevor said that he and some committee members had met with the John Harrison Foundation on a couple of occasions and were happy to be in contact with them, and possibly work with them on events in the future.

Sue Hilton said that there were concerns around the issues of maintenance of the Market Place.

Trevor replied that this element had been included in our full report following the public consultation. One of the identified priorities was for the need for low maintenance.

Trevor added that he had recently been speaking with a Planning Officer in the Legal Department of NLC and had discovered (and hence this was not noted in his Report) that the area of the Market Place comes under N. Lincolnshire Council's Highways and is jointly managed by the Parish Council and North Lincolnshire Council on an ad hoc basis. As people will be aware the Parish Council has recently appointed a lengthswoman, with obvious and apparent positive benefits to the village.

Cynthia Lyden said she would like to congratulate Bobbie Walkington and all those involved with the new signs. Trevor explained that although BBCP had had a role in this, especially Bobbie who had designed the signs, it was the Parish Council, primarily Dave Jackson, that had made the signs a reality. Dave Jackson said that the signs/signposts were not yet complete and that there would be further planting.

4. Adoption of Annual Report

Proposed: Nigel Catley; Seconded: Robert Lyden

Steve thanked Trevor, on behalf of the Committee, for all his hard work with leading the group in its endeavours. All present showed their agreement and appreciation.

5. Presentation of Accounts (Stuart Leyland)

Stuart introduced himself and spoke to the Accounts he had prepared as of 31st March 2014.

Income:

Funds raised through Cake Stalls, Wheelbarrow Weekend and John Harrison Evening £1,423.61

Donation received of £500.

Grant received from Heritage Lottery £8,200 (As per Chair's Report)

Grant from N.Lincs. Council (2nd tranche of money) £2,500

Outgoings include:

2B Designs £2,486.29

Insurance (Third Party Liability) £231.61

Our total assets at the present time are about £11,000. However:

The £8,200 Heritage Lottery Fund is basically in-out money, i.e. fees being paid directly to the people working with the school children. The use of this money will be very closely monitored. Part of the work produced will form part of a John Harrison display in the Church – and perhaps, in the future a Heritage Centre.

Topographical Survey: Payment for this is divided equally between Parish Council and BBCP – we will owe them around £500.

The project has been granted £50,000 (outlined below Item 8). Terms and Conditions are to be discussed. At present it is not clear whether this money will be held in Better Barrow's account or in that of NLC.

At the present time the architects 2B have completed work totalling £12,000. They have put in writing that they are working 'at risk' and their fees will be a priority in any funding arrangement.

6. Adoption of Accounts:

Proposed: Robert Lyden; Seconded: Sylvia Millum

7. Election of Committee/ Office Bearers

Trevor informed all present that all officer posts were open for nominations and that each post needed to be nominated and elected individually. At this point he stood down. There were no new nominations and Steve asked for nominations Trevor Millum as Chair.

Proposed: Ann Bolton; Seconded: Unanimous agreement. Officially Bobbie Walkington.

Trevor thanked Steve.

Trevor asked for nominations for Steve Johnson for position of Vice Chair.

Proposed: Bobbie Walkington; Seconded: Ann Boulton

Trevor asked for nominations for Dee Burney-Jones for position of Secretary

Proposed: Sue Stephenson; Seconded: Mark Crawford

Trevor asked for nominations for Stuart Leyland as Treasurer

Proposed: Helen Anglum; Seconded: Berny Johnson

Trevor then asked if anyone would like to put themselves forward or nominate another person to help on the committee. There were no nominations. Trevor emphasised if, at any point in the future, someone was interested in joining the committee then please to contact us.

Trevor then identified the committee members present. He thanked all members and said that members' commitment and skills had been noted by external agencies.

Stuart pointed out that a representative from the Parish Council does attend our meetings and Trevor said that we have a rota of members who attend the PC meetings. In this way, we can regularly keep in touch with what is happening with our various activities.

8. Correspondence:

1. Trevor read out part of a letter that had been received from Keith Ready – Solicitors on behalf of Alice Akehurst of Oakwell in the Market Place asking us to note that she has exercise pedestrian and vehicular rights of access over the Market Place to her property, together with parking over 36 years. This will be passed on to 2B and a copy has been sent to North Lincolnshire Council.

2. A letter has been received from Councillor Liz Redfern awarding £50,000 for the Barrow Market Place project. This money will not be spent in the course of the preparation for the works, but will be available as match funding.

10. AOB

Trevor invited comments from the floor. He explained that if anyone had a question they didn't want to share with the whole meeting, then we would be happy to speak with anyone about concerns after the meeting. No comments were raised from the floor.

Trevor raised the issue of Trustees without our Constitution. He proposed that we change 'between three and ten trustees' to 'between three and twelve'. Stuart wondered if we should up that to 15, but Trevor said he felt 12 were preferable and if we needed more we could co-opt for a specific issue. This was agreed.

Proposed: Nigel Catley; Seconded; Sue Stephenson

There being no more business presented, Trevor thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm