

BETTER BARROW COMMUNITY PROJECT
ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday 14th March 2015: 7.00pm: Vicar's Room, Barrow-upon-Humber

Present: **Officers:** Trevor Millum (Chair), Steve Johnson (Vice Chair), Helen Anglum (Treasurer), Dee Burney-Jones (Secretary)

Committee Members: Sylvia Millum, Rob Whitaker, Berny Johnson, Ann Boulton, Bobbie Walkington, Nigel Catley, Pam Loxley, Mike Cox.

Attendees: Chris Ellis, Shirley Cassidy, Irene Ballam, Kevin & Carolyn Guy, Janet Cox, Joelle & Paul Harris, Lesley Morris, Sue Stephenson, Kathy MacDonald, David Martineau, Marilyn Catley, Jayne Wilson, Stuart Leyland, Cynthia Lyndon, David Blakey, John Anglum.

1. Trevor welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Carol Thornton, Mary Wright.
3. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (AGM: 8.4.14)**
Copies had been distributed. Trevor asked that any issues be raised as the pages were scanned for content. There were no questions/queries from the floor, but Trevor corrected an error on the last paragraph on page 4 – 'without' should read 'within'. This was corrected for the records. The Minutes were deemed a fair and accurate account of the meeting. Proposed: Bobbie Walkington; Seconded: Nigel Catley.
4. **Presentation of Annual Report**
Trevor spoke to a power point presentation. A copy of the report is on our website and can be downloaded. Hard copies are available on request. Trevor opened the presentation by saying that although we are making progress, in a project this large, things move slowly. The Committee consists of twelve Trustees, who were introduced individually. Trevor emphasised that we are happy to be contacted if there are any issues anyone wanted to raise.

We acquired Charity Status in January 2015, so an AGM in which we elect officers is no longer required. Once appointed, Trustees serve for a fixed term and are passed by the Charity Commission.

Trevor read verbatim our official objective (paragraph 2 on page 1). This year particularly we have endeavoured to be outward looking, so that the significance of John Harrison and Barrow is recognised not just in our community but nationally and internationally. We keep people informed through our email list, Facebook (which has 290 likes), Missing Link articles and our Notice Board. Our Publicity Officer, Ann Boulton sends regular informative updates to local newspapers, Radio Humberside and Estuary TV.

We have regular contact meetings with officers of NLC . They are supportive of our endeavours and we work closely with them. Trevor gave a power point presentation to the Cabinet Team of NLC, which was well received.

Rob Whitaker has been working on the production of our Business Plan, which is a substantial document. He is currently working on Version 3. This gives a history of our work to date and plans for the future. It is a very informative and helpful document and can be provided on a variety of occasions, e.g. potential funders.

Following our consultations, the final designs were exhibited at the Wheelbarrow Weekend in 2014. Some of the features reflect John Harrison and his work, e.g. the central compass. It is hoped that more of a feature can be made of the Cross, but we recognise this is a Scheduled Monument and therefore there are many restrictions on what can be done. The designs are posted on our website.

Trevor explained the three levels of costings, which have been verified by an independent engineer.

We are now approaching prospective funders. Able UK has been approached and we are awaiting their response.

With regard to establishing a Heritage Centre, we have been talking to Enterprise Inns (The Royal Oak), re the unused building next to the pub. Discussions are ongoing. It is apparent that funders are interested in the Heritage Centre and it could be that it would be possible to link the two sites.

Events

Celebration of the Act of Longitude: We were awarded an £8,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the work with the children. DVDs, 40 printed booklets and work displayed on the upgraded boards in the Church all resulted from work with the children on this specific John Harrison project.

An annual John Harrison Prize has been established with the school. The prize is not necessarily academic. It is awarded to a person who has shown initiative, team spirit and 'good' work to do with broad remit around John Harrison.

Hull Trains sponsored free travel to London for the winner and parents to see the Greenwich Exhibition. (Hull Trains has committed for another 2 years).

Fund Raising is needed to help us with our running costs, e.g. hire of venues, postage, photocopying.

Our annual Wheelbarrow & Open Garden Event.

Barrow's Got Talent: this was a successful and fun event that involved young children.

Cake Stalls at the Christmas and Wheelbarrow Weekend events.

There have been three 'Three Voices Cabaret' evenings, and with two of those, proceeds went to BBCP.

Andrew King, is coming to give a talk on 15th September in the Church about making the film Longitude.

We are hoping to have a pumpkin carving competition on 31st October .

Trevor said he would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work. Steve (on behalf of the Committee) thanked Trevor for his work in steering the group forward and for his hard work in co-ordinating the whole project. All agreed.

5. Presentation of Accounts

Copies of Accounts were distributed by Helen Anglum. Helen had taken over the Treasurer's role mid-term, due to the retirement of our preceding Treasurer, Stuart Leyland. Helen thanked Stuart on behalf of the Committee. Helen said that our high level of activity was reflected in the Accounts. She pointed out that we were making money, not losing it and that all money was raised in the community for the benefit of the community.

We want to have a 'cushion' for any unexpected and necessary costs, e.g. topographical survey. The overall cost was £1,000, and the Parish Council split this with us, so we paid £500.

Trevor thanked Helen for all her hard work in preparing these Accounts.

6. Correspondence

Trevor had this day received a letter from Dava Sobel, which he read. It was a friendly, supportive letter and she is happy to send us an official letter of support.

7. Q & A

David Martineau asked about the John Harrison Foundation and the BBCP. Trevor said he has had meetings with Christina. We always inform them of our events and she was going to come to the Church exhibition, but unfortunately was unable to attend. Contact links will be maintained.

Bobbie Walkington asked for support for future cake stalls.

Trevor said that if anyone would like to speak to committee members individually, then we would be available after the meeting.

8. AOB: Trevor invited Irene Ballam (on behalf of Barrow in Bloom) to talk about the Treasure Hunt to be held on Saturday 18th April. Irene explained about the 'round the village' and Village Hall Treasure Hunt that would be taking place. It would be a fun family activity and give everyone in the village the opportunity to access and link- in with the different groups within the village. .

EasyFundraising Site: Trevor has registered for this. If you buy anything on line you can request that there is a donation from the company to the designated charity (i.e. BBCP). You don't pay anything extra.

Rob Whitaker had had a problem, and advised that you do NOT download the reminder. Without downloading the reminder, it appears to work well.

Stuart Leyland (on behalf of Barrow Rotary). The Rotary have been awarded a grant to organise a fun day on Sunday 24th May, 10. 00 – 3.00 pm. It is to be a fun, family day with the emphasis on children's activities. Please Come Along and Support the Day.

Kathy MacDonald said she would like to see a better and stronger relationship between Barrow and Barrow Haven. She said that Barrow Haven regularly has both local and international visitors. She thinks that by working together we could improve and bolster tourism in the area. All agree this was a good idea and one that needs to be developed.

There being no more business, Trevor thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

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