

BETTER BARROW COMMUNITY PROJECT
ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 25th April 2018: 7.00pm: Vicars Room: Barrow-upon-Humber

MINUTES

Present: Officers: Trevor Millum_(Chair), Rob Whitaker (Vice Chair), Nigel Catley (Treasurer), Dee Burney-Jones (Secretary)

Committee Members: Neil Jacques, Ann Boulton, Pam Loxley, Sylvia Millum , Debbie Crawford

Attendees: PC Rep to BB: Rob Lyden, Janet & Mike Cox, Pete & Carole Ellis, John Thompson, Carolyn Guy, Maddie Goudie, John & Sheila Farrow, Sue & Dave Stephenson, Mark Crawford, Nettie Smith, Allan Stichler, Geoff Bilton, Marilyn Catley, Pam Whitaker, Tracey Griffiths

1. Trevor welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Joelle Harris, Michael & Julia Oates, Cynthia Lyden, Stuart Leyland, Jayne Finnis.
3. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes of 11th April 2017**
Copies of Minutes were distributed. Trevor asked that any issues be raised as the pages were scanned for content. No issues were raised.

There being no comments, the Minutes were proposed as being a true record by Nigel Catley and seconded by Mark Crawford.

4. **Presentation of Annual Report (Trevor Millum – Chair)**
Trevor spoke to a Power Point Presentation.

The **Agenda** for the Meeting was shown. The Annual Report and Treasurer's Report would be following by AOB and opportunities for questions. The thrust of the meeting was to give updated information on what BBCP had been doing throughout the year.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation our **stated objectives** were displayed. We are able to demonstrate that we are carrying through on our aims to benefit and enhance the village.

Contacts & Collaborations

Trevor showed a list of organisations in Barrow with whom we collaborate and are supportive:

Barrow Meridian Rotary, Barrow in Bloom, The Village Hall Committee, John Harrison School, Holy Trinity Church, Methodist Chapel, Shops & Businesses, especially Costcutter with their continued support of BBCP through the Local Pride Charity.

We acknowledge and appreciate support we receive from the Parish Council and North Lincolnshire Council. We collaborate very closely with NLC, having regular Joint Meetings, who have been encouraging in all our endeavours for Barrow.

We are in regular contact with The Ropewalk (see Future Events) and the Royal Observatory in London. This year we have developed a good relationship with the National Trust. Through our fundraising endeavours we have made contact with Navigation and Horological organisations nationally and internationally.

Fundraising & Community Events

John Thompson talk 'Barrow Then & Now'

Table Top sales

Wheelbarrow & Open Garden Weekend

Barrow Guided Walk

John Harrison Prize – this has been refined, and is now for 2 children from Year 5, so that they can return to school in the new school year and tell everyone about their Greenwich visit.

The '3 Voices' events at Harrisons in Barton led by Trevor are held regularly and prove very popular.

Future Events

Plant Sale – 5th May

Wheelbarrow & Open Gardens Weekend – 2 & 3rd June (always first weekend in June)*see below in AOB

Ceilidh with the Ermine Street Band - 22nd September

Table Top (now held regularly) - October

And

Harrison's Garden at the Ropewalk – Jan- Feb 2019. This is an exhibition that has been touring National Trust properties and is currently at Gunby Hall, Lincolnshire. We made contact expressing our interest and asking if we could distribute our fundraising leaflets at the exhibition. They agreed, and with further discussion, the artist Luke Jerram has said that once the NT tour is completed, he is happy for the tour to continue with BBCP. We have been in discussion with the Ropewalk and they have agreed to hold the exhibition/display there.

Publicity

Thanks to Rob Whitaker our Facebook page is doing well and has approximately 600 followers. Our website is gradually gaining interest.

Thanks to Ann Boulton (our Publicity Co-ordinator) we have a good relationship with all local media outlets, including Scunthorpe Telegraph and all regional papers. Estuary TV and Radio Humberside have been particularly supportive. Look North have not, as yet, covered our events, although we will continue to contact them.

Due to the JH Statue Fundraising we have had extra assistance with publicity and some articles have appeared in the national and international press.

Posters, Missing Link, word of mouth and a quarterly Newsletter to those further afield are all successful ways of making contact with our supporters and find new ones.

Last Year's Projects

Over the last year we had a list of projects that we wish to accomplish.

New Seating has been installed in the Market Place. We are still awaiting a replacement disc, that was lost in transit.

Village Trail: Information leaflets to accompany the trail have been produced and have proven very successful, with many positive comments received. One Village Trail tour lead by Trevor, took place with approximately 20 people walking around the village.

Information Boards

Three Information Boards are now in place and accompany the Village Trail.

Repair & Enhancement of Market Cross

Through NLC a mason has been found who has the skill and expertise to sympathetically repair the Market Cross. Once the good weather is more established he will begin work.

Statue Project

Trevor gave the floor to Neil Jacques, who leads the Statue Committee.

Neil gave an outline report of the situation to date.

BBCP invited 3 artists to submit designs. Two of the submissions were exhibited in the Church during the Wheelbarrow Weekend in 2017.

At the end of June 2017 a selection panel of approximately 30 people spent the day at the Ropewalk to see the work, meet artists and listen to submissions. Questionnaires were given to all present for the opinions and marking on the 3 artists. The Committee then interviewed each candidate separately.

In July 2017 we had the Public Consultation.

Resultant from this process, Marcus Cornish was selected as the preferred artist.

In October 2017 Marcus visited Barrow and looked at site options and to sign off on the finalised design.

However, since that time there have been two alterations to the design.

Firstly, the original tool box has been replaced by a ship's mooring bollard to emphasise the nautical connection and to allow for a steel rod to be inserted for extra stability and security. Secondly, the rope shown was modern and needs to be altered to be historically accurate.

In December 2017 – the Fundraising was launched with a full article in the Yorkshire Post.

The contract has to be finalised with regard to foundry dates and the work schedule of the stone mason for the plinth. Neil is in constant contact with Marcus to finalise all work in progress.

After the Public Consultation the site location decision was to be in the Market Place. A photo of this was shown.

At the end of March 2018, we had raised just over £36,000. £25,000 from NLC, £2,000 from Parish Council and £1,000 from the Rotary. Trevor and Neil have made good contacts in Canada, with a donation looking hopeful.

Once all is finalised regarding the foundations, lighting scheme and design, a planning application will be submitted. The final part of this project will be the installation and official unveiling.

Marcus will be working this term with the school. Education was part of his submission and passion.

Trevor thanked Neil for all his work on the Statue Project.

Trevor thanked all BBCP both committee members and the wider public for their continued support and work.

There were no Questions from the floor.

5. Presentation of Accounts

Copies of the Accounts were distributed. Nigel Catley, BBCP Treasurer spoke to these. These were the authorised accounts with amounts signed off by a professional accountant.

The detailed Accounts showed comparison between 2016/17 and 2017/18. The Wheelbarrow and Open Gardens made approximately £1,000 more in 2017 than the preceding year. The individual costings that go into running the Wheelbarrow Weekend had been consolidated into one figure.

Our outlay had been larger this year primarily because of the cost of the entire process of selecting an artist (Selection Day), and the cost of publicising statue fundraising (printing and postage).

Digital Nomads: Rob has liaised with this company to create the BBCP website and help to set up the structure and operation of PayPal. Their input and expertise has been invaluable. Next Year the separate category of PayPal will be included in the accounts.

John Harrison Prize (Trip to Greenwich in London)

The cost was shown as Miscellaneous, i.e. £99.26. This is to pay for the winners expenses to London.

Trevor thanked Nigel for his detailed accounts and for his hard work on keeping the detailed monthly accounts throughout the year.

6. **Correspondence** - none.

7. **AOB**

Carole Ellis, from the floor, said that she thought the Open Gardens weekend should be later in the year, probably July. She does open her garden and had two comments. Firstly, some visitors come annually and therefore they see the same plants each year. Secondly, the flowers/plants and general garden 'condition' would be better and fuller moving the date later.

There was a lot of agreement for this point of view.

However, Tracey Griffiths said that we had to be mindful that July was a time of many more events generally.

Trevor said this issue had been considered previously, but it had been felt having a consistent time each year, i.e. the first weekend in June, would help people remember and prepare for the event. However, he did think the idea of changing the weekend date was a very valid point, and would be fully discussed by committee.

Trevor thanked Carole and Tracey for their contribution.

We would definitely need to continue for this year as planning has been in preparation since January 2018, although there is some concern about the lack of numbers put forward for open gardens this year, primarily it is thought because of the poor weather. There will be feedback on this issue for next year's report.

There being no more questions or comments, Trevor thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

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