

BETTER BARROW COMMUNITY PROJECT
ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday 12th April 2016: 7.00pm: Vicars Room: Barrow-upon-Humber

Present: Officers: Trevor Millum (Chair), Steve Johnson (Vice Chair) Nigel Catley (Treasurer) Dee Burney-Jones (Secretary)

Committee Members: Sylvia Millum, Rob Whitaker, Pam Loxley, Berny Johnson, Ann Boulton, Bobbie Walkington, Neil Jacques

Attendees: Martin & Kate Lutley, Bill & Kate Hindson, John Anglum, Cheryl Patterson-Cox, Phil Lamyman, Sue Stephenson, Rob Whital, Michael Oates, David Martineau, Marilyn Catley, Pam Whitaker, Cynthia Lyden, Tracey & Graham Griffiths, Jacqueline Setterfield, Stuart Leyland, Alison Bradley, Debbie Power, Fay Brindle-Slater.

1. Trevor welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Committee Member: Mike Cox: Chris Welsh, Jayne Finnis, Paul & Joelle Harris, Carol Thornton, Felicity Broughton, Sara Martineau.

3. **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes of 14th April 2015**

Copies were distributed.

Corrected for the records title date from March to April.

Trevor asked that any issues be raised as the pages were scanned for content.

Trevor said that the Summary of Last Year's Annual Report had been overtaken by events, which would be covered in his Chair's Report.

Item 8: EasyFundraising: few people were using this. He asked that anyone interested, speak to Rob, Nigel or himself for information. Although seemingly small amounts were raised, they added up cumulatively and it was deemed well worth doing.

There being no comments or questions, the Minutes were accepted as a fair and accurate account.

Proposed by Nigel Catley and seconded by Stuart Leyland

4. **Presentation of Annual Report**

Trevor spoke to a Power Point Presentation.

Our Constitution: Trevor read our official objectives, which are the focus of our Charity Constitution, and his presentation would show how we were carrying through on our objectives.

Publicity & Communication

We publicise our activities/events as much as possible using Facebook, our website, articles in the Missing Link, our Notice Board, and by distributing our leaflet to newcomers to the village. We have recently set up a quarterly Newsletter to our supporters further afield, nationally and internationally.

Collaboration

One of our prime objectives is to work with and support other organisations within the village. We have joined in events with the Rotary and support Barrow in Bloom. We work closely with the School. We attend Joint meetings with the Chair of the Parish Council and members of the North Lincolnshire Council.

We have good relationships with the Barrow shops and businesses.

We are very pleased that this year Costcutter has selected us, along with the John Harrison School to be the recipient of their Local Pride Charity, donating to our cause when specific items are purchased from their shop.

Progress

Last year we outlined 3 levels of planning for the Market Place, which required different degrees of funding. Although we have put in a lot of effort on acquiring funds, we have been unsuccessful because we do not fulfil the set out criteria required by specific funders. Therefore, we have had to refocus our goals.

We have been successful in having **trees** planted in the Market Place, which was why the group was set up originally in 2012, after the loss of the trees. At the time of writing we have 2 planted in the soft areas, but we have been assured that by the end of April, more will be planted by Clugstons who will dig tree pits large enough for the tree roots to survive. This work is being carried out by North Lincolnshire Council.

Once this is accomplished, we will have achieved a significant aim of BBCP.

We are working towards the unsightly tarmac areas in the hard areas being replaced by paving more in keeping with the surroundings.

Market Cross

The Market Cross is in urgent need of repair. We are looking for funding streams and will be liaising with Heritage England and researching the feasibility of what can be achieved.

Statue: As was identified in our consultation survey, some kind of commemorative statue to John Harrison is a priority for us. This is an important aspect of a long term vision, and requires a great deal of research and discussion as to its form and placement.

Heritage Information Centre: Previously we had very hopeful and positive negotiations with Royal Oak and it looked as though we would be able to use the currently unused 'outhouse' as the Centre. However, all has gone very quiet and we have given up on receiving a decision from them.

The Village Hall Action Group has plans to improve the Village Hall and we would hope that we could work on obtaining space for some kind of John Harrison commemoration display/Heritage Centre. We are very happy to work with the Action Group to facilitate any way forward.

Presently, we have two funding strands waiting for decisions.

Leader Funding: which is for enhancing tourism and footfall and this would take the form of Information Boards for a Village Trail. To this end, Trevor has been walking the village with Keith Miller from English Heritage re the architecture in Barrow. Trevor has recorded Keith's expertise and this will be used as a basis for information gathered.

The second application is with **SDF** for tree seats.

If we are successful, we have to supply Match Funding, so need to be able to supply a significant amount towards any project.

Therefore all our **fund raising activities** are for ongoing running expenses, or for accumulating an amount of income for required match funding.

Events

We have hosted John Thompson's talk on *Barrow Then and Now*, Andrew King's talk on the Making of Longitude, several Cabarets, and are looking forward to our Plant Sale and our major event, the Wheelbarrow Weekend.

The annual John Harrison Prize was established in collaboration with the school and has been supported for the past two years by Hull Trains

This year the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire and his two Deputies visited us and heard about our endeavours. They also visited the display within the Church.

Trevor made connections with The Maritime Museum at Mystic, Connecticut where the Longitude Exhibition was being sited and has also been in contact Santa Barbara, where a Time Mural featuring John Harrison is being displayed.

Review of the last Four Years:

The Better Barrow Community Project's achievements include:

Establishing an annual event – the Wheelbarrow Weekend - which brings the whole village together

Establishing the annual John Harrison Prize

Raising the profile of Barrow and of John Harrison locally and nationally, through talks and visits

Working with Barrow in Bloom to improve the village environment, including a row of decorative trees opposite the church bank

Working with North Lincolnshire Council to improve the Market Place, starting with trees to replace those lost in 2012

Gaining a substantial grant from Heritage Lottery Fund to organise a major celebration of the tercentenary of the Act of Longitude in association with John Harrison School

Renewing the John Harrison display in Holy Trinity Church, designing and supplying 21 new professional exhibition boards

5. **Presentation of Accounts : Nigel Catley**

Nigel distributed copies of his Treasurer's Report dated 31st March 2016. He spoke to those Accounts. He reiterated the ease of setting up and using EasyFundraising, and thanked Costcutter (as outlined by Trevor) which gave us a regular stream of income which was very welcome.

Nigel's detailed accounts showed that we had begun the year with £2,939.39 and ended with £4,584.74

Nigel invited questions but there were none. Trevor thanked Nigel for his work in producing this Report.

6. **Correspondence** - none

7. **Questions/comments:**

Trevor invited any questions/comments from the floor. There were none. However, the newly formed Barrow WI were introduced and welcomed.

Trevor welcomed a new member Neil Jacques onto our Committee and reminded everyone that we had a Plant Sale coming up.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm

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