



# Friends of Bradford's Becks

## Minutes of quarterly meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015

Kirkgate Centre, 39A Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EH. 19:00 – 21:00, **Room 3.**

	Action
<p>1. Present: Ed, Eddie, Matt, Dave, Sophie, Paul, Dagmara, Sarahjane, David, Tony, Kevin, Colin, Stuart, Graham, Francis, Barney</p> <p>2. Apologies. Rose, Elizabeth</p>	
<p>3. Report from signage and interpretation group (city centre plaques project)</p> <p>Ed reported on progress with the plaques. Of the 15 sites, we have sponsors for 7, including Westfield, Yorkshire Water, Anchor Housing and Bradford Live. We have a stonemason and a design incorporating a poem. We have agreement and support from the Council, and they will handle installation (except still need clearance of the poem wording!). Aside from the practical issues of design, construction and installation, the major actions needed are to complete the funding raising.</p> <p>Incommunities mentioned as a possible sponsor.</p> <p>Congratulations all round, especially to Ed and Stuart for excellent progress so far.</p>	<p>Ed – practical stuff</p> <p>Ed &amp; Barney – fund raising</p>
<p>4. Pollution monitoring</p> <p>An informal meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 between FOBB, EA, YW and Bradford looked at the data collected by the volunteer monitors. It was agreed that there is a pollution problem, presumably caused by misconnections. The organisations agreed to work together to develop a project to investigate the problems further.</p> <p>In response to an email from FOBB, YW's CEO wrote:</p> <p>“Thank you for your email received on 11 December 2014 regarding the above.</p> <p>Yorkshire Water was very pleased to be part of the team delivering the Bradford Beck Pilot Project and to give a continuing commitment to support delivery of the aspirations for the watercourses in the city.</p> <p>A proposal to identify mis-connections and reduce pollution in the Bradford catchment is included in our proposals for the future five year plan and we fully recognise that we can</p>	

<p>achieve this more effectively by working in partnership with other stakeholders.</p> <p>I am aware that you have already met informally with Deborah Redfearn from YW and representatives of the Environment Agency and City of Bradford Metropolitan Council, and that some proposals for using the valuable information your team have been collecting and other opportunities for improving the water quality have been identified.</p> <p>Yorkshire Water would be pleased to offer the continuing involvement of Deborah and Ed Bramley to help develop a project of the type you describe in your email, as it is closely aligned to our corporate vision of 'taking responsibility for the water environment for good'. I am happy for you to engage with them directly going forwards. "</p> <p>As a result, Barney is working with Yorkshire Water to build up a project from a menu of possible sub-projects. Then will discuss with EA, Bradford and YW to look for a co-funded partnership project.</p> <p>Report from EA on incidents – Culture fusion incident reported by FOBB member.</p>	<p>Barney to continue</p>
<p>5. Report from invasives group</p> <p>There will be more treatment in 2015. Francis will call a sub-group meeting in spring to plan the year's campaign. Council offered to identify landowners if asked. Some suggestion that our volunteers might offer a paid-for service to other groups – to be considered.</p>	<p>Francis and the team</p>
<p>6. Report of restoration group</p> <p>Objectives: community connection + brown trout spawning.</p> <p>Talked through possibilities: graded banks, riffles and pools, footpaths to draw people in, coarse woody debris, boulders and gravel for fish habitats.</p> <p>WTT: can offer habitat workshops</p> <p>Sarahjane: can offer links into Crag Rd community. Investigating fruit tree planting project, Canal Rd cycleway at Poplar Rd area</p> <p>EA: looking at culvert for removal project.</p>	<p>Dave/JBA to complete study and report</p>
<p>7. Report from footpath group</p> <p>Sarahjane offered to help find the money.</p>	<p>Rose and Sarahjane to discuss</p>
<p>8. Litter picks – agreed dates 21<sup>st</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>9. 'Beckwalks'. Walk it all over say 3 sections. Publicise widely. In summer.</p>	<p>Graham</p> <p>Eddie to discuss with Rose</p>
<p>10. Publicity</p> <p>A video or Powerpoint for the Big Screen. 4 slide ppt. Stuart offered to</p>	<p>Graham and Stuart to</p>

help. Base on litterpicking?	discuss
BCB – Dave Mould to be interviewed on restoration. Dagmara on knotweed also possible.	Graham
11. Any other business.	
New publication Bradford Review – Eddie offered to draft article.	Eddie
Paul: urban conclave (a biennial meeting organised by Trout in the Town) could be held locally.	Paul
12. Minutes of last meeting. Accepted	
13. Next meeting – 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Barney to book room