



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes for quarterly meeting on Monday 29th Feb 2016

Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, 7-8:30pm. Room 3.

Item	Actions
<p>Present: Gary, Stuart, Ed, Eddie, David Brazendale, Colin Thunhirst, Barney, David Powell, Graham, Sara, Rose, Wendy, Elizabeth</p> <p>Apologies: Irene, Francis, Geoff</p>	
<p>1. Plaques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Beck Anthology launch. Great evening. We've sold 32 copies, New Fire Tree Press are selling online successfully. b. Recording of poems complete. Thanks to Graham for arranging. CD is planned. Wendy, Ed, Graham will work out how to link the recordings to website. c. Plaques progress. Some delays, Pat diverted to Middlesboro job. Chris Bedford liaising direct with Pat over installation. Still on target to be complete before 25th Sept. d. Grand opening 25th Sept – World Rivers Day – needs planning. Eddie to check if Irene has booked. Barney to ask for volunteers to help organise. 	<p>Eddie, Barney</p>
<p>2. Sculptural Sound installation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Donation to enable the basic design and competition. Kirill Horoshenkhov, Prof of Acoustics, helping with acoustic design. 15th Mar visit to lift manhole and do sound recording. Meet at Old Bank pub, 10 am. b. We are planning to provide the technical solution, then the competition is primarily artistic. c. Competition launch planned for end April, to allow a winner to be announced on 25th Sept. 	<p>Ed to ask for volunteers for commenting, proofreading</p>
<p>3. Leeds & Liverpool Canal event, guest Colin Thunhirst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. L&L Canal Society existing to support and celebrate the canal. b. Heritage boat Kennet is main asset. Now a floating museum. Also Elland, a horse drawn boat. c. This year is bicentenary of 1st full crossing. d. Kennet attending Saltaire World Heritage event (16-17th 	<p>Colin and Barney to keep in touch</p>

<p>April), Skipton festival, then over to Lancashire. Back to Yorkshire later in summer. Re-enactment of 1st crossing, 8 days planned. Leave Leeds 15th Oct, 16th Oct in Saltaire activity (small) and at Bingley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Hoping to generate razz-a-tazz to match original. f. Mutually agree to publicise events. g. They are welcome to have a stall at World Rivers Day h. We could have an event at crossing of Beck, would need to be at 10 am 16th Oct. 	
<p>4. Urban pollution monitoring (Gary Rushworth)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outline of project, CaBA funded. 3 parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Educational activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decided to buy a model from America, a model catchment. Hoping that YW will host it at Esholt as part of their training activities for schools and plumbers. Still no firm decision, hard to fit in their tight routine. Others may be interested, Dixons, Bradford Grammar, Brackenhall, etc. Wendy is liaising with YW 2. If they don't take it, we need a plan B. 3. May buy a 2nd one. 4. Also Irene working on a role-play, story-telling activity with schools. ii. Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Optical Brightener method using tampons, cotton pads or paper towels. Found a better UV torch which gives green/blue light for no-OB/OBs. 2. Not many positives with the dip method (ie just in and out of water). Switched to tampons left in place for 12/24 hours. Now got 8 positive (ie pollution) results, 3 on BB. Dock Lane CSO, Westbrook. All reported to EA and YW, investigations underway. 3. Gary writing report. iii. Partnership. Litter Pick, FBA article and cover, FBA planning to do a phone app (an OS competition), Bradford People First made 2 videos and poster. Gary spoke at CaBA event. Reached Australia as a method! BEES and U of Bradford all doing great monitoring. b. Nothing special to report from EA. 	<p>Wendy</p> <p>Irene</p> <p>Gary</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Footpaths. Needs funding. Bids to plastic bag funds of Morrisons and Tesco unsuccessful. A current bid in to 	<p>Rose and Barney</p>

Greggs. Rose and Barney to revise bid.	
5. Bradford Festival 9-10 July. Bid made to have a stall for 6 hours on each day, joint with Steve Bottoms, Irene, recording stories, poets, songs.	Eddie
6. Renaturalisation project – currently waiting on a proposal for EU funding by the Council	Barney
7. Drone. Dispute over IPR (Intellectual Property Rights), Defra wanting too much ownership of background. Now no longer possible to do in the financial year, but University has proposed some amendments which Defra are considering. Hangfast artificial caves.	Barney
8. Any other business a. Website: Bradford-beck.org now under our control thanks to David B.	
9. Minutes of last meeting approved	
10. Next meetings a. Opening manhole 15 th March, 10 am b. Litter picks 19 th Mar, 21 st May c. Next catch-up 23 rd May d. Bradford Festival 9-10 July - provisional e. Plaque trail grand opening (World Rivers Day) 25 th Sept f. L&L canal event 16 th Oct	