



# Friends of Bradford's Becks

## MINUTES of quarterly meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015

*Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, 7-9pm*

Item	Action
<p><b>Present:</b> Ed Butterworth, Geoff Roberts, Eddie Lawler, Barney Lerner, Stuart Jenkinson, Rose Reeve, Graham Glover, Pauline Ford, David Brazendale,</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Jane Callaghan, Gary Rushworth, Tony Emmott, Elizabeth MacDonald</p>	
<p>1. Plaques</p> <p>12, 13, 14 down. Didn't really get any publicity in the launch. 15 ready but wont go down until Feb. 8-11 due end Feb, 5-7 due end May, 1-4 due end July. Should get 8-15 down in Mar. Ask sponsors whether they want an interim event, or are happy to wait until Sept for the whole lot.</p> <p>Poetry book: now says w/c 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Suggest a date in late Jan for an event – Burns night 25<sup>th</sup>? In Beehive – Eddie to ask poets if we can do a launch event</p> <p>Plaques website: 95% organised, need to set up a test page for one, then can be finished. <a href="http://MarkingBradfordBeck.org">MarkingBradfordBeck.org</a></p>	<p>Ed</p> <p>Eddie</p> <p>Geoff &amp; Wendy</p>
<p>2. Urban pollution monitoring</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 volunteers, 150 samples from Bradford Beck, Pinch Beck, Harden Beck, and the Worth</li> <li>• Partnerships with The Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, Bradford People First, CaBA (including Rivers Trusts), BEES, Yorkshire Building Society, and City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council</li> <li>• Not many pollution problems found!</li> <li>• In discussion to prepare and place the educational resource at YW's Esholt visitor centre. This will revolve around a physical model and some role play activities.</li> <li>• Other organisations have expressed an interest in using the educational resource: Bradford Grammar School, BEES, and Field Studies Centre</li> </ul>	<p>Gary to continue with project</p>
<p>3. Footpaths</p>	

Getting permissions sorted, target by mid Feb. Still some issues around Pitty Beck where land is leased out. Dropped Bull Greave Beck, added a walk from Cathedral to Shipley.	Rose and walking group
4. Funding bids  Morrison bid not successful  Tesco community scheme (funded by carrier bag charges): deadline extended and requirements relaxed, so will bid for support for the walking booklet and fingerposts.	Barney to submit outline by 11/12
5. EA report  Pollution incidents – none reported  Small EA project started on reducing flood risk. Look at 3 catchments for natural flood risk management, one of these is Clayton Beck. Walkover tomorrow (8 <sup>th</sup> Dec). Is there a role for volunteers to help implement any proposed measures – FOBB could organise teams.	Stuart to keep us updated, and find out if volunteers can help
6. Renaturalisation project. No news	
7. Any other business.  22 <sup>nd</sup> March World Water day. Steve Bottoms planning an event  Litterpicks: 19 <sup>th</sup> March and 21 <sup>st</sup> May.	Barney add all to calendar  Graham to chose l/pick locations
8. Minutes of last meeting.  Accepted	
9. Next meetings –7 <sup>th</sup> March	