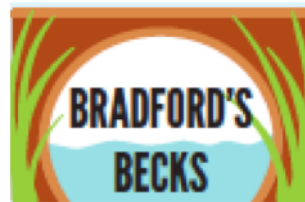


# Friends of Bradford's Becks



## Minutes of AGM and quarterly meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014

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

<b>AGM</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<p>1. Present: Barney, Stuart, Rosa, Matthew, Rose, Eddie, Pauline, Ed, Graham, Geoff, Kevin, Sara, with particular welcomes to newcomers Andrew Brook, Matt Craig.</p> <p>2. Apologies: Steve Bottoms, Elisabeth MacDonald, Dave Mould, David Pendleton, Hugh Firman, Francis Wilson</p>	
<p>3. Election of officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Chair – re-elected Barney Lerner</li><li>b. Webmaster re-elected Graham Glover</li><li>c. Are other officers required - no</li></ul> <p>Note: we also have chairs/coordinators of the various working groups: Signage – Rose Reeve, Footpaths – Rose Reeve, Invasives -Francis Wilson, Pollution – Rosa Foster, Litter picks – Graham Glover, Becknics – Eddie Lawler</p> <p>Note: there are no accounts as all our finances go through ART. We have won small grants of £400 for Invasives (Post Code Lottery) and £593 for the Photo Competition (Aspire-i).</p>	
<p>4. Review of the past year. Barney gave verbal review of the last year, and a written review is now available.</p> <p>There was general agreement that we had made a good start and the report was accepted.</p>	Written report to be circulated
<p>5. Any other business - none</p>	

Quarterly meeting	Actions
<p>1. Pollution monitoring group: progress and plans presented by Rosa Foster &amp; Matthew Craig.</p> <p>15 sites have been identified for monitoring and site descriptions prepared for volunteers. These cover some individual outfalls and locations downstream of hidden outfalls. About 10 volunteers are available so far. Flyer prepared calling for volunteers. A briefing meeting will be held on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July, 19:30. All welcome.</p> <p>During the reconnaissance, two polluting outfalls were observed and reported to Yorkshire Water. Both were immediately investigated, and misconnected drains found at one.</p> <p>YW and EA have agreed to join an informal advisory group. No response yet from Bradford Council.</p> <p>Make list of sites and locations available to all Friends so casual observations can be made and reported.</p> <p>Observations will continue for 3-6 months and then the plan will be reviewed to see if new sites or more frequent observations are needed, or whether all problems have been identified and resolved.</p>	<p>All: Please distribute flyers</p> <p>Rosa/Matthew to book meeting room.</p> <p>Rosa/Barney to announce meeting via FB and email.</p> <p>Barney to chase James for CBMDC contact.</p> <p>Rosa/Matthew</p>
<p>2. An Engagement strategy for FOBB, draft presented by Stuart Jenkinson.</p> <p>Although Friends had only had a short time to review the document, all were agreed that it was very clear and helpful. It set out the logic and approach to engagement successfully, and Stuart was thanked for his efforts.</p> <p>There was discussion about stakeholder groups that were not yet mentioned: other voluntary groups, Parish Councils, the Council's ward officers/coordinators, and riparian owners (ie those that owned the Beck and its banks).</p> <p>The idea of a regular newsletter to key stakeholders was generally approved, and Geoff offered to write this.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that the document should be circulated for comments within 3 weeks., with a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft to be prepared by Stuart for adoption.</p>	<p>Geoff</p> <p>Baney/Stuart</p>
<p>3. Report from invasives group. Unfortunately Francis and Matthew weren't present.</p>	

<p>Barney reported that a survey plan and reporting mechanism had been designed. All the reaches in the east had been allocated to volunteers and survey. They may be some reaches in the west still to survey.</p> <p>Knotweed is particularly bad in the Bull Greave catchment, and we will need help to deal with such large areas.</p> <p>Francis reported by email that the Council has a dedicated JK man, Steve Hill, and James is setting up contact.</p> <p>There will be a meeting of the group soon to plan the next stages.</p> <p>Announced Balsam pulling for Northcliff Beck – invitation from Friends of Northcliffe. Tuesday 8th July 7pm; meet at the miniature railway or meet near the pond at about 7.05pm (finished in time for the World Cup semi final kick off at 9pm)  Tuesday 22nd July 7pm, meet at the bench near the golf club  Tuesday 19th August 7pm, meet at the bench near the golf club  For all sessions please wear strong footwear and suitable clothes (there are nettle and brambles amongst the balsam). They will provide gloves, but you might want to bring some midge repellent.</p>	<p>James/Frances</p> <p>Frances/Matty to arrange  All welcome to attend</p>
<p>4. Report from signage and interpretation group - Rose Reeve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Photo competition launched and closes 31<sup>st</sup> August. Lots of flyers already distributed, but more needed. Friends welcome to enter</li> <li>b. HLF bid for city centre signage. Slow progress being made on proposal. Need to reduce costs by co-funding – will do an appeal to local companies.</li> </ul>	<p>All: please distribute flyers and do your own entries.</p> <p>Ed to progress request for sponsorship.</p>
<p>5. Report from footpath group - Rose Reeve</p> <p>Draft walks on website – no feedback yet!</p> <p>Project on hold, need to resolve some issues around land-ownership, team is busy, and funding bid already in.</p> <p>Discussed whether to make a bid to split costs between Greenmoor project (Scholesmoor area) and local ward community funds (Gt Horton, Thornton, Clayton). No decision reached.</p>	<p>All: try the walks and give feedback</p> <p>Walking group to consider</p>

<p>6. Chair's report on other activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. River restoration projects. Since last meeting, discussions/correspondence with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bradford One, Bradford Live and Bradford about Odeon.</li> <li>ii. New Bolton Woods developers and Bradford (Simon Woodhurst)</li> <li>iii. Golby&amp;Luck about Shipley Exchange</li> <li>iv. West Yorkshire Ecology about the proposals they are drafting for the final Shipley-Canal Rd AAP, in which they are including ideas on renaturalisation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Had stall at opening of Rodley fish pass open day, and at Rae Gala on 29<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>c. Will have presence at Bingley show (19th July) and Keighley show (6<sup>th</sup> Sept)</li> </ul>	<p>Materials and gazebo available if anyone wants to put on a show anywhere else!</p>
<p>7. Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Andrew Brook – proposal for microfiltration booms. Will send details, Barney to distribute for review.</li> <li>b. BCB slot probably available on Wed 2-4 to promote photo competition and other beck related activities.</li> </ul>	<p>Andrew, Barney</p> <p>Contact Graham</p>
<p>8. Minutes of last meeting. Accepted. No matters arising.</p>	
<p>9. Becknics and litter picks – reminder of dates</p> <p>Becknics: 14<sup>th</sup> September, Valley Rd</p> <p>Litter Picks: next spring</p> <p>Balsam pulling, details above</p>	<p>Eddie</p>
<p>10. Next meetings – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014</p>	<p>Barney to book room and send out agendas</p>