



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes for quarterly meeting on Monday 17th Oct 2016

Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, 7:00-8:25 pm. Room 3.

Item	Actions
<p>Present: Rose, David P, David B, Kevin, Eddie, Bernadette, Tony, Martin, Elisabeth, Pauline, Rachel</p> <p>Apologies: Irene, Colin, Sara, Judith</p>	
<p>1. World Rivers Day wrap-up</p> <p>Good mix of passers-by and those who had heard of the event. Lots of people, many didn't know of the Beck, lots of stories collected, walks well attended, open manhole was popular, models drew in the younger generation. A success!</p> <p>Vote of thanks to Ed and Barney – all in favour.</p>	
<p>2. Plaques – wrap-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All in place except 1 (facsimile in place for now). • Information board still to come, will be part one of the new 'tombstone' panels – Ed has artwork. • Damage concerns about plaque 9 (beer deliveries). Chris Bedford (City Engineer) has had words with pub, and is considering putting a litterbin or bollard to protect it. • Not obvious where the plaques are – can they be marked? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bollards – unlikely to be acceptable. ○ Blue line – hard to convince Bradford to mark their new pavements. ○ Studs to mark the walk, this could be acceptable to Bradford; a possible project for the future but someone needs to lead on it – ANY VOLUNTEERS? 	<p>Ed – information board</p> <p>Volunteer needed to organise a set of studs to mark the walk</p>
<p>3. Listening sculpture plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Winning bid from Alex Blakey. She is finalising design and costs, including community engagement activities with Irene and Steve, by mid-Nov. b. Planning permission. Alex, David and Barney met with City Engineer and Highways Engineer and agreed location and some details. We will submit application this week. c. Fundraising. The total project will be about £40K, of which £35K would be cash and the rest in kind. To bid for a Grant for the Arts (G4A) we need matched funding of about £8K cash. 	<p>David to do planning permission.</p>

<p>We have about £3000. Need another £5000. Tony provided a list of possible trusts to ask for funds. Discussed the Catch 22; difficult to bid for funds for part of the cost without knowing that the project is going ahead. Discussed the possibilities of crowd-funding, with various rewards for different sizes of donation. NEED VOLUNTEERS to work on fund-raising with David and Barney.</p> <p>d. Construction. If planning permission takes 8 weeks (to Xmas), and we do the initial fundraising on the same timescale, then apply for G4A in early January, then a result would come in late March. So maybe start in April 2017.</p> <p>e. Opening – maybe Words in the City in July, but more likely World Rivers Day again. Lets wait and see.</p>	<p>Need volunteers to join a working group on funding.</p>
<p>4. Canal Rd renaturalisation and other major projects</p> <p>CBMDC has won bid to Local flood levy fund, £30K for Canal Rd redundant culvert feasibility study. They would then need to find funding for the actual work, which would provided matched funding for a bid from us for renaturalisation.</p> <p>CBMDC planning to bid this week to RFCC (regional Flood and Coastal Committee) for £850K over 2 years for 5 areas in Aire, including Shipley-Canal Rd. Keen on community resilience and River Stewardship. Mostly to be spent on consultants to develop larger projects. Will start to look for capital projects in Spring 2017. Again the latter could enable us to bid.</p> <p>Crag Rd housing site. Still not designed; will need new planning permission. Developer has said that the commitment to Beck improvements in the original planning application will remain. This may be matched funding for a HLF bid. Keeping in touch.</p>	<p>Barney and Rachel to keep abreast of developments on all 3 opportunities</p>
<p>5. Walks booklet</p> <p>Finally coming! Funds are available. Planning meeting 16th Dec. Walks will have to checked again on the ground, booklet to include some educational material to justify funding. Elisabeth volunteered to assist; MORE VOLUNTEERS WELCOME</p>	<p>Rose to lead.</p> <p>Looking for volunteers to help with checking, design and other practical aspects</p>
<p>6. Pollution monitoring.</p> <p>Restarting the pollution monitoring project in light of the increased incidents this year, the pressure from the Crag Rd developers, and the leftover funding. Barney has circulated a call for proposals to FOBB and a few others, and has had some interest. Likely to end up with several people sharing. Kevin offered to contact another likely party, Barney to</p>	<p>Kevin to forward details. Barney to finalise</p>

<p>send details on. Aim to resolve by end of this week.</p> <p>We haven't had any feedback from Riverfly which is monitoring invertebrates in the Beck.</p> <p>Rachel asked to have a copy of the results of Gary's work on monitoring last year.</p>	<p>project</p> <p>Barney to ask Robert Hellawell</p> <p>Barney to pass on results</p>
<p>7. Update on pollution issues (from Rachel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you see pollution, see report to 0800 807060 • Case of the white Beck; source traced and leading to enforcement activity against a food company. • Pitty Beck misconnection, still on with camera work as haven't found problem after several attempts. • Leeds Rd CSO, being raised with YW. • Green beck – no feedback <p>River Stewardship Company: an organisation that organises litter pick and other activities, funded by riparian owners and grants. Actively looking at this as an option in the Leeds area, possibly extending to other parts of the Aire. Meeting being organised by Geoff Roberts. The Crag Rd developer would like to put maintenance of the Beck with such an organisation.</p>	
<p>8. Litter picks – shall we hold some?</p> <p>Some in favour as a way to clean up the Beck as no-one else does. Others less keen as numbers have dropped off and so we are not getting new community engagement and members. Decided not to have any for now.</p>	
<p>9. Any other business</p> <p>DNA bid for £4M to enable fish passage all the way to Gargrave on the Aire. Not successful, being rejigged to a more local bid (Rachel)</p>	
<p>10. Minutes of last meeting.</p> <p>Corrected Nicola Hoggart's name. Accepted.</p>	
<p>11. Next meetings</p> <p>a. Quarterly catch-up 23rd Jan, 10th Apr</p>	<p>Barney to book room</p>