



# Friends of Bradford's Becks

## Minutes of AGM and quarterly meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, 7:30-9pm. <http://www.kirkgatecentre.org.uk/Directions/>

Item	Presented by
<b>AGM</b>	
<p><b>Present:</b> Barney, Duncan Woodhead, Rachel, Graham, James, Kamran, Robert, Sara, David, Joanne Clarke, Elisabeth, Dot Francis, Kevin, John</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Rose, Eddie, Ian R, Martin S, Hugh F, Wendy, Irene, Pauline, Julia,</p>	
<p>1. Election of Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Barney Lerner re-elected</li> <li>b. Secretary – no nominations</li> </ul>	
<p>2. Finance: all funds held on our behalf by Aire Rivers Trust. WE have approx. £7600 in the bank (July 2018), including approx. £3000 received so far from the Co-op.</p>	
<p>3. Review of the last year – Chair's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Saltaire Festival (Sept 2017). Workshop with Alex Blakey and info gazebo about Beck and Listening Sculpture for 2 days. Made contact with lots of people (hundreds), but little long term engagement. Sold a good number of walks booklets, but didn't cover cost of event.</li> <li>b. River of Light (Oct 2017). Manhole open and information gazebo in Tyrell St for two evenings. Lots of interest in the Beck from passing footfall, but little deeper engagement. Very little money taken.</li> <li>c. Walks, walks booklets and litter picks. Two litter picks this year. Four guided walks, advertising to other walking groups brought a good number of people, several FoBBs found them good opportunities to talk to each other! We still have 600 or so walks booklets.</li> <li>d. Listening sculpture. Unsuccessful bids to HLF and Arts Council for funding. Judith and Tony approached a couple of businesses without success. We agreed to</li> </ul>	

put the project on hold until a source of funds became more obvious. Known donors were offer their money back, only one wanted it. Our major donors gave permission for us to use the funding as we see appropriate.

- e. Pollution spotting.
  - i. Rob’s sterling work on pollution spotting led to a number of remedial actions by the EA and YW.
  - ii. The observations of such frequent pollution enabled us to make a case to the EA that a major investigation into sewage capacity is needed for Bradford. This is now included in the EA’s Environment Programme that YW have to cost in their next business plan which will start in 2020. It’s going to be a long process, but eventually there will be action!
  - iii. The Westbrook “curry” story lead to a major investigation by Groundwork for the EA. They eventually found a food premises mis-connected. (the beck bed is often yellow still, but we are told it is ochre).
  - iv. YW requests that reports are made direct 0345 1242424 07790 615902 as well as to EA
- f. Canal Rd projects – ongoing discussions about renaturalisation – looks like we might finally make progress!
- g. River Stewardship – Nick Milsom from ART in now in post to support groups such as FoBB in the wider Bradford District.
- h. GDPR and e-mailing list. GDPR was taken as an opportunity to clean up the mailing list, there are now about 70 consenting.
- i. Planning applications. We have objected on water/flooding/amenity/ecological groups as appropriate to applications for:
  - i. A housing development off Leaventhorpe Lane
  - ii. Proposed playing fields along Canal Rd (King George V fields)
- j. We continue to report to Bradford’s Environment and Waste Management Scrutiny Committee, who are very supportive of our work. We have also contributed to their Water Management and Flood reviews.

4. Minutes of 2017 AGM - accepted

**Quarterly meeting – plans for the coming period**

1. Bubble Up (8/9 Sept 2018).
- a. Brick Box have won funding from the Arts Council for Bubble Up. FOBB is putting in up to £5K funding from our Sculpture funds towards the sculpture.
  - b. The event will be slightly different each day. Essentially it will celebrate and promote Bradford's deep-seated relationship with its waters. From our Broad Ford roots, through the history of the Beck and now the ever popular Mirror Pool. The weekend will host all kinds of water themed activities including a water slide down Darley St, a mass participatory choreography in City Park utilising the fountains and a series of creative activities along the route of the Beck including dance, poetry and street theatre.
  - c. The project includes a new sculpture, a wishing well design to allow people to see the Beck, and to throw in money which FOBB can have! Alex Blakey has designed it to fit into an existing manhole. We have to get permission to take over a suitable manhole.
  - d. We need to offer contributions to the weekend of events:
    - i. Guided plaque walks. Rose available for the Sunday (9<sup>th</sup>), can anyone do 8<sup>th</sup>?
    - ii. Opening the Beck manhole for viewing, with associated Information gazebo, selling booklets and CDs, showing invertebrates, etc. Offers so far: Nick Sunday, Kamran Sunday, Dot Sunday, Graham Sunday, Elisabeth Saturday, Wendy,
    - iii. We need to add some child-proof mesh to the fence around the manhole.
    - iv. Miss Connection available on 9th to do pop-up presentations/storytelling as part of Brick Box event. I was thinking of doing them along the plaque route
    - v. Eddie and Steve (Scott Bottoms) available on 8<sup>th</sup>.

All – offers of help please!

Barney to put out a plan and request for volunteers

<p>2. Carrying out the footpaths signage project with Co-op funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Signpost and clear a series of footpaths and walks around the Becks on the outskirts of Bradford</li> <li>b. The funding requested will allow us to erect twenty signposts and information boards throughout the catchment basin. This activity will support additional activities such as guided walks and trails and a booklet of walks routes and information. Funds will be spent on 1) signposts 2) info boards 3) equipment to clear vegetation 4) organising work parties and litter picks 5) printing the booklet</li> <li>c. This a request for someone to take the lead on organising the project and liaising the Council – Graham has agreed</li> </ul>	<p>Graham, Rose &amp; Barney to meet for a handover</p>
<p>3. YW projects on Network Protection (Fats to Fuel, BD3), Duncan explains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Found us through “curry” incident in Westbrook.</li> <li>b. Dealing with fat/oil/grease/wipes etc causing blockages – finding the causes and dealing with them.</li> <li>c. BD3 area (Leeds Rd, Barkerend Rd) was a big problem.</li> <li>d. Talked to community centre about turning waste oils to fuel, pilot with 85 houses. Working with universities to develop green diesel. Now up to 740 houses. Success!</li> </ul>	
<p>4. Canal Rd and renaturalisation. Barney and Rob meeting Wild Trout Trust late this week to get a detailed plan for renaturalisation from Shipley Station to Briggate.. Barney meeting on site (again) with Bradford staff and EA on Friday to take the plan forward.</p>	
<p>5. Pollution issues. Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 0800 807060 to report to the EA. Also report to YW direct on 0345 1242424</li> <li>b. Recent and ongoing investigations: Westbrook, Eastbrook, Allerton Lane now has discharge licence, Carr Mires Beck, Barnsley Beck</li> <li>c. Rob keen on introducing real time wq monitoring via the internet of things, investigating the Amsterdam smart citizens lab.</li> <li>d. YW incident phonenumber. It costs money to report – should have an 0800 number.</li> </ul>	<p>Rob to follow up</p> <p>Duncan to take this up at YW</p>
<p>6. River Stewardship. Covered earlier</p>	

<p>7. Education Project “Miss Connection”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250 pupils plus teachers at Sandy Lane Primary last Weds</li> <li>• Farnham Primary booked Sept; Hollingwood Primary provisional Sept</li> <li>• Information/video link sent to 15 primaries, 4 Academies, 3 Secondary</li> <li>• Informal presentation to 6 OTs at The Mount in Leeds this morning.</li> </ul> <p>Video at <a href="https://vimeo.com/227630579">https://vimeo.com/227630579</a></p>	<p>All – is your group/school interested in a presentation?</p>																								
<p>8. Environment Agency update on pollution reports:</p> <p>Carr Mires Beck in Shipley which has helped me to elucidate two sources of contaminants. A misconnection from a metal working company. They’ve just undertaken a drainage survey and are to replumb. Secondly misconnections from the council estate which are currently being identified by YWS. I suspect there may be more problem inputs from other sources not yet confirmed, but we really need to obviate those already identified.</p> <p>Little Beck at Gilstead. Primarily a number of misconnected identified by YWS, after we detected elevated levels of ammonia.</p>	<p>All – report pollution immediately to EA 0800 807060 and YW 0345 1242424</p>																								
<p>9. A reminder of our Co-op funding in Allerton.</p> <p><b>How it works</b></p> <p>“Every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund.</p> <p>We’ll also give you and the other causes in your community an equal share of the money we raise from sales of carrier bags. Members in your local community will be able to choose your cause and give their 1% from the 12 November.</p> <p>The more they shop, the more we share. “</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Outlet Type</th> <th>Post Code</th> <th>Telephone No.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Longfield House</td> <td>Funeralcare</td> <td>BD7 2AE</td> <td>01274 572 778</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allerton Road</td> <td>Food</td> <td>BD15 7BN</td> <td>01274 491111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Duckworth Lane</td> <td>Food</td> <td>BD9 5EP</td> <td>01274 498676</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Park Drive</td> <td>Food</td> <td>BD9 6HX</td> <td>01274 541433</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allerton</td> <td>Funeralcare</td> <td>BD15 7AB</td> <td>01274 488 018</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>a. <a href="https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/16305/">https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/16305/</a></p>	Name	Outlet Type	Post Code	Telephone No.	Longfield House	Funeralcare	BD7 2AE	01274 572 778	Allerton Road	Food	BD15 7BN	01274 491111	Duckworth Lane	Food	BD9 5EP	01274 498676	High Park Drive	Food	BD9 6HX	01274 541433	Allerton	Funeralcare	BD15 7AB	01274 488 018	
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<p>10. Any other business and news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Invasives. Kamran working on action plan.</li> <li>b. Business Improvement District (BID). No action needed</li> <li>c. Odeon redevelopment -Barney unable to get access to culvert due to beard!</li> <li>d. Wild flower seeds – we still have 4 packs to sow!</li> <li>e. What are the rags we find in the trees? They don't appear to be sanitary towels, too robust. Duncan and Kevin to go on site and investigate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kamran to discuss action plan with Barney</li> <li>b.</li> <li>c.</li> <li>d. All – any good sites for planting?</li> <li>e. Duncan/Kevin</li> </ul>
<p>11. Minutes of last meeting - agreed</p>	
<p>12. Next meetings and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Quarterly catch-ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 22<sup>nd</sup> October</li> <li>ii. 21<sup>st</sup> January</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Other events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bubble-up 8/9 Sept</li> <li>ii. Blue plaque launch (Civic Society) 17 July</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	