



# Friends of Bradford's Becks

## Minutes of quarterly meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018

*Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, 7:30-9pm*

Item	Action by
<p><b>Present:</b> Elisabeth, Kevin, Kamran, Sara, Graham, Rob, Wendy, Hugh, David, Claire Green (YW), Barney, John, Matt Hill (YW)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Steve, Eddie, Duncan, Rose, Rachel, Carlton, Irene, James, Nick,</p>	
<p><b>Quarterly meeting – plans for the coming period</b></p>	
<p>1. Feedback on Bubble Up (8/9 Sept 2018).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Walks – About 30 participants, mostly on Sunday when it wasn't raining</li> <li>b. Stall, sculpture, manhole, invertebrates. Latter very popular but distracted from stall. Sculpture didn't get a lot of interest.</li> <li>c. Steve and Eddie, stories and songs.</li> </ul> <p>Steve wrote a blog post on the event: <a href="http://multi-story-shipley.co.uk/?p=2813">http://multi-story-shipley.co.uk/?p=2813</a>. Some nice photos, and some honesty about the rain making the Saturday a bit of a washout.</p> <p>Eddie is working on the River Aire with a view to getting a performance together (musical docu-fantasy) with Shipley Little Theatre, for presentation at Saltaire Festival 2019 (and hopefully elsewhere).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Irene, Miss Connection. Spoke to about 400 people!</li> </ul>	

<p>2. Pollution incidents</p> <p>a. Report from YW on sewage incident and Beck wipe out.</p> <p>Partial blockage downstream of Hammerton St CSO pushed sewage into detention tank which then discharged into the Beck. Stopped 11pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. Ecological surveys on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Aug, accessed at 8 locations, but only 1 kick sample taken at Shipley which showed a few invertebrates. No apparent effect on the Aire. Classified as a “potentially serious” incident. Ongoing investigation and questioning with the EA. It may be months or years before there is a final resolution.</p> <p>b. Other pollution incidents reported by EA</p> <p>A surcharging manhole entering surface water drains in Crossley Hall, Bradford. YW aware at 16:00 on the 08/10/2018 and the blockage was cleared at 18:00. The blockage was caused by a metal rod and rubble located in the sewer. Localised pollution to Chellow Dean Beck. NIRS 1656414</p> <p>Report of sewage in a watercourse reported on 14/09/2018. YW found a discharge impacting the watercourse for approx. 20m – no solids were present just grey stainage. The upstream SW network was inspected and foul to smell of sewage &amp; have grey stainage present. The stainage was traced upstream to Hunters Park Avenue. A full foul manhole was located and suspected a sewer was blocked and sewage was leaking into the adjacent surface water sewer. The sewer was jetted using a vactor which cleared a blockage of fat and wipes. The sewer blocked again and YW found that the line reblocked due to drain rids that had been stuck in the manhole, introduced by a private contractor. Once these were removed the sewer level dropped. NIRS 1651268</p>	<p>Claire to send copy of ecological surveys. Also to ask why not a Freephone number to report pollution.</p>
<p>3. Presence at Co-op hand-over ceremony, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</p> <p>Agree that a group attend the event to make the end of our fund-raising by the 3 Co-ops, Allerton, Duckworth Lane, High Park Drive.</p>	<p>Graham, John (am), Elisabeth and Wendy to attend.</p> <p>Barney to provide details.</p>

<p>4. Progressing the footpaths and signs.</p> <p>20 signs planned. Informal opinion from Council that no planning permission needed. Graham has just been able to get in touch with Estates Dept, who had said they would put them up.</p> <p>If we have sufficient funds left, we'll consider putting in some information boards.</p>	<p>Graham to continue</p>												
<p>5. Bid for funding to Greggs and Rivers Trust "Community Urban River Regeneration Fund".</p> <p>There is an opportunity to submit a proposal for up to £30K/year for 3 years for to run an educational and community based environmental project focused upon urban rivers. ART has agreed that FOBB should submit one around the Bradford Beck pollution issues. Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency have offered their support, subject to details of course, and we should be able to bring Bradford on board.</p>	<p>Barney to get on with writing it!</p>												
<p>6. Canal Rd and renaturalisation.</p> <p>The provisional timeline for Phase 1 of the Bradford Beck restoration project (River Aire to Briggate) is as follows;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="268 987 1090 1285"> <thead> <tr> <th>Action</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Collaborative agreement</td> <td>Sep – Nov 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Appointment of contractors by CBMDC, and detailed design</td> <td>Nov 2018 – Jan 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Procurement/construction of baffles</td> <td>Jan 2019 – Mar 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planting/invasive species management/access improvements</td> <td>Feb 2019 – Mar 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In river capital works</td> <td>Apr 2019 – Sep 2019</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Action	Date	Collaborative agreement	Sep – Nov 2018	Appointment of contractors by CBMDC, and detailed design	Nov 2018 – Jan 2019	Procurement/construction of baffles	Jan 2019 – Mar 2019	Planting/invasive species management/access improvements	Feb 2019 – Mar 2020	In river capital works	Apr 2019 – Sep 2019	
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<p>7. River Stewardship. For FOBB, Nick's work has mainly been on knotweed since the last catch-up.</p>													
<p>8. Education Project "Miss Connection". Update</p> <p>Irene has bookings for Holy Family School and Farnham.</p>	<p>Put Irene in touch with Claire (YW), Simon (ART), and with John again re scouts</p>												

<p>9. Knotweed eradication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kamran has written a proper report on the JK issues, and our project in Bradford. Anyone interested ask for a copy.</li> <li>b. Following on from the last catch up a small team have been out surveying and treating the Japanese knotweed. We reviewed the information available to us from the survey and treatment work done in 2014.</li> <li>c. This year we have surveyed and treated Reaches A and B. With the exception of B2 still requires more treating, it is the big area between Ingleby Road and Cemetery Road. I managed to get a few hours help from the RSC but to tackle this we need more trained people and would be a couple of days work.</li> <li>d. For next year I suggest we need to survey the other Reaches, C and D and then organise a programme of works.</li> <li>e. This work fits in with Environment Agency funded programme to control Giant hogweed and Japanese knotweed on the River Aire.</li> <li>f. Can I encourage people to make use of the Plant tracker app.</li> </ul>	
<p>10. Any other business and news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Talk given to Wibsey History Society, 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, £35 donation to FOBB.</li> <li>b. Wild flower seed publicity event, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 11:45 - 1pm. All welcome – let Barney know if you want to attend.</li> <li>c. Final submission of the Trident ESIF bid for Green and Blue Infrastructure in southern Bradford went in last Friday and still includes the de-culverting of the Bowling Beck near West Bowling Park. Decision from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in late February.</li> <li>d. Plastics into water: a high-profile topic which can be used to focus attention on rivers and Becks.</li> <li>e. IoT from Rob – Made contact with Paul Garside at Bradford College.</li> <li>f. Matt Hill introduced himself, will be doing two studies in the 2020-2025 period. One project on performance of overflows, the other on mis-connections. Has received our data. Currently collecting data, using some sondes. Rob, Kevin and Barney offered to meet with Matt to provide any more information needed.</li> </ul>	<p>Rob, Barney, Kevin</p>
<p>11. Minutes of last meeting – accepted.</p>	

12. Next meetings and events

- a. Quarterly catch-ups:
  - i. Mon 21<sup>st</sup> January
  - ii. Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April
- b. Other events