



Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of quarterly 'meeting' on Monday 12th Apr 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Item	Action
<p>APOLOGIES: Lola and Andrew, Rachel Forbes, Rob Scott</p> <p>PRESENT: Hugh, Kevin, Matt, Andrew, Elisabeth, Irene, Robert, Eddie, Geoff, Nick, Wendy, Rose, Graham, Barney, Dot, Pauline,</p>	
<p>1. Pollution</p> <div data-bbox="252 853 1024 952" style="background-color: black; color: yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> PollutionWatch </div> <p>a. Final report</p> <p>13 volunteers, 1269 records of which 122 'interesting shots'. Particular stalwarts: Lola and Andrew, Robert Scott, Alan Keighley, Nicholas Hewlett.</p> <p>YW view (Matt): PollutionWatch successful considering the COVID restrictions. Pollution of an outfall can often be due to multiple domestic misconnections and YW isn't responsible for fixing these. And when only some are fixed by the householders the discolouration remains. YW have fixed any of their assets that have been reported. He hopes that the process can be continued and is discussing with the EA.</p> <p>Can new developments be checked as they often have misconnections at the time of building! Matt will talk to YW people internally. Matt will get back to Barney and possibly meet with Bradford and EA around building control and checking of new builds.</p> <p>Matt, Barney and Rob will try and get a press release done.</p> <p>Recent info from Rob: Little Beck – still 5 misconnections. Boggarts Wood – more misconnections found despite YW thinking it all sorted.</p>	<p>Matt talking to EA</p> <p>Matt to discuss internally and come back</p> <p>Matt, Rob Barney</p>

<p>b. We have £12534.07 'in the bank'. Although in ART's bank account, this is money reserved for FoBB use. Agreed to offer £3000 to ART as a contribution to renewing the Pollution Hunter role for a further 12 months.</p>	<p>Barney to discuss with ART</p>
<p>2. "Bradford-Shipley Route Improvement", including deculverting and renaturalisation from Stanley Rd to Briggate https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/19184636.plan-renaturalise-stretch-bradford-beck-shipley-fast-tracked/</p> <p>The Council Executive meeting on the 6th April approved the proposal to go ahead with the project totalling £3.25M, split evenly between an ERDF grant and Council funds. WSP are the consultants. Due to start Oct 2022 and be completed by Mar 2023. FoBB will be consulted on the design.</p>	<p>WSP/Bradford highways and landscape</p>
<p>3. Restart group activities</p> <p>a. Litter picks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. There is an ART litter pick starting at Shipley station arches on 17th June which we can join. ii. Shall we do more litter picks? Interest in both Weekdays (morning or early evening?) and weekends. Take a poll on dates and fix events. <p>b. Agreed to offer some guided Beck walks.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nick has offered to lead one on the lower beck and into Saltaire on a weekday evening. ii. Barney to take one up Baildon's Gill Beck, or Loadpit Beck in Shipley Glen. iii. Irene in City Centre. <p>c. Site visits: Andrew Mindham of Bradford Council Landscape has offered to organise visits to planting on the Valley Rd section of the beck, and the Pitty Beck refurb.</p> <p>d. Ric Bingham of Sheaf and Porter RT (Sheffield) has offered to give an online talk on their plan to open a window onto the river in Sheffield station. Will arrange a Zoom event. Also ask if a guided visit to Megatron could be arranged.</p>	<p>Barney</p> <p>Barney to post dates and see which are popular</p> <p>Nick and Irene to propose dates to Barney</p> <p>Andrew to suggest dates</p> <p>Barney</p>
<p>4. Renaturalisation project Aire - Briggate – more or less finished, will be included in walk.</p>	
<p>5. Enforcement Undertakings - no news on the two ongoing cases.</p>	
<p>6. Any other business and news</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Odeon and Plaque 1. Scaffolding going up around Odeon so probably not sensible to put plaque in place until 2022. b. Science Festival 2021 – we haven't been invited. c. Daylighting: will the new HS2 station go over a beck? d. City of Culture Bid: the leader doesn't think daylighting can be included as Coventry has it in theirs. But Beck could be linked to the Heritage thread, Irene to suggest through her involvement e. Beck forming in Deep Lane – has it been reported as leak? YW person says it isn't a leak. f. Kirkgate Market to be demolished – are there becks? g. Eddie will be singing the Bradford Beck song to Redcar folk club tomorrow! 	<p>Irene</p> <p>Matt to follow up.</p>
<p>7. Minutes of last meeting – on website</p>	
<p>8. Next meetings and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Training course from ART <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Safe working near water. This popular class run by River Mountain Experience shows you how to work safely by water and use aquatic PPE. In the classroom, you will learn about the hazards of rivers and try on equipment like lifejackets. Outside, we will learn how to use throw ropes ii. https://aireriverstrust.org.uk/upcoming-events-and-walks/safe-working-by-water-awareness-training/ iii. Two days, 10am – 5pm, 20-21 May. Free b. ART litter pick starting at Shipley station arches on 17th June c. Quarterly catch-ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mon 12th July. This would be the AGM as well. Will be in-person meeting if allowed. ii. 11th October. 	