

Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of quarterly catch-up on Monday 10th Oct 2022

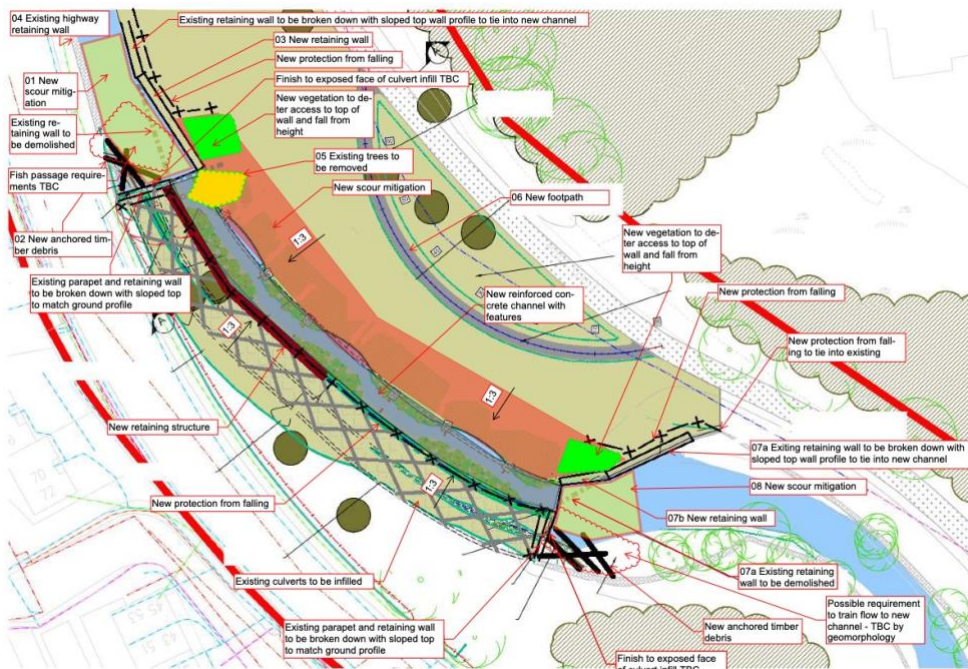
7:30-9:00, Kirkgate Centre, Shipley

<p>Present: Barney, Sue P, Nicholas, Rose, Joy, Kevin, Graham, Rob, Dal, Geoff, Sara, John, Richard,</p> <p>Apologies: Wendy, Rachel K, David P, Eddie, Irene</p>	
<p>Item</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>1. Award of 'Best Friend of Bradford's Becks' to Peter Kirton of Environment Agency - postponed</p>	
<p>2. Pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PollutionWatch 2022. Update from YW on problems found and progress in resolving them. No YW rep, postponed. b. Please continue to report pollution to the EA! 0800 807060 c. Any other developments? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Carr Mires Beck: We'll follow up formally with Corporate Affairs. ii. Premier Inn: Owners say they will fix d. YW prosecution. See below 	<p>Barney to follow up</p> <p>Barney/Rob</p>
<p>3. To consider a proposal to become a chapter of Trout in the Town, a Wild Trout Trust initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recent electrofishing found lots of trout of different age groups. We should be making people aware that it is a trout river. They offer: urban rivers manual, help with organising, ideas for projects, etc. b. Agreed that we should apply to be a Chapter. Rob offered to do paperwork c. We need 3 officers, we have the Chair and the ART Treasurer is our treasurer. Agreed that we would create a Secretary post. Barney to seek nominations and arrange a ballot if needed. 	<p>Rob</p> <p>Barney</p>
<p>4. Developments from YW prosecution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Summary of the case and outcome can be read in the T&A 	

- b. Rob and Kevin spoke to the CEO and others at the court. As a result, we now have a direct line into the head of Corporate Affairs (Paul Carter) and the West Yorkshire advisor (Dan Macey).
- c. We have had an introductory face-to-face meeting and one video discussion with them. At the latter we:
 - i. Learnt more about the Bradford sewage system and requested more information as we were rather disappointed in the low level of detail provided.
 - ii. Were informed that they are undertaking a 'compliance review' across the whole area.
 - iii. Were asked for a list of projects to improve the beck. Barney sent this on 3rd Oct.

5. Deculverting and renaturalisation from Poplar Rd to Briggate

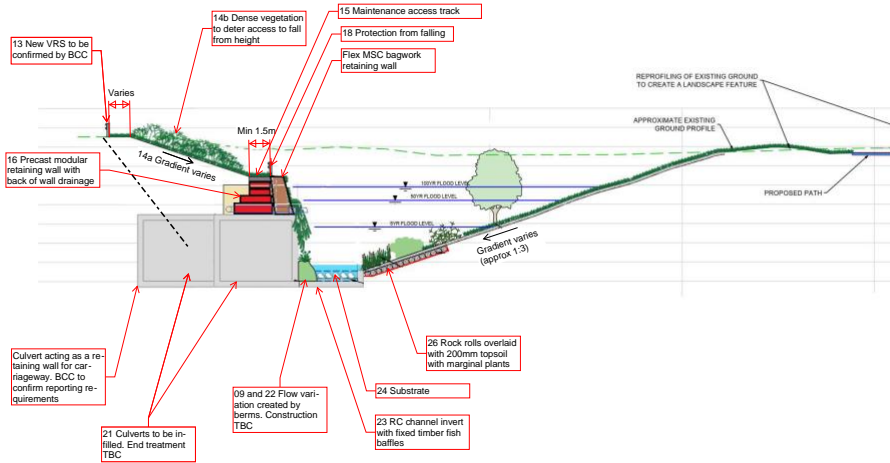
- a. Verbal report of workshop with design consultants on 7th Oct. This is the current design.



Needed to cut costs so have placed new channel along culvert edge to reduce excavation. Also need to preserve and infill culvert as it is probably stabilising the road. This layout also eliminates changes to the cycleway.

We discussed: flood risk, fish refuges, backwaters, scour, bedforms under high velocities, the appearance of the vertical wall, avoiding thorny (litter trapping) vegetation near the water.

Consultants (WSP) will consult with WTT and others and revise. Timetable is still start late Jan, finish by June 2023.



- b. Agreed to have an awareness-raising event, eg an official opening with a celeb, stalls, songs, etc. Eddie and Irene have already suggested some ideas. A subcommittee was agreed to plan this and Rose, Sara, Joy volunteered to be on it with Barney and hopefully Irene.

Barney to organise subcommittee meeting

6. Annual report to the Regen and Environ Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Bradford Council)

- a. This meeting is on 18th Oct at 5:30 pm in the Banqueting Hall, City Hall. It is open to the public and all FOBB would be welcome to show support! The papers are available [here](#).
- b. The FOBB report concludes with three requests:
 - Write to Yorkshire Water and encourage them to fence off their land on Bull Greave Beck to reduce fly-tipping.
 - Support our campaign to make the Beck main river.
 - Back our efforts to include the Beck in the City of Culture.

All welcome

7. Model to demonstrate misconceptions

One of our members, Stephen Angus, has taken this on.

8. Knotweed

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joy has been trained in handling pesticides and can take part in knotweed injections. Joy says thank you! b. Progress and plans for this autumn. Thank you to Rob and Elisabeth for KW spotting. 4 days of treatment so far, Bradford (Red Beck, Canal Rd, Ambler Mill, and Bingley, Harden Beck, Oxenhope). More work planned at Sams Mill, Farmers Boy, Ingleby Rd, Bull Greave Beck, Red Beck. Good evidence that previous year's treatment has worked. More volunteers to do spotting please! Nick considering an app. 	
<p>9. Group activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nothing planned at present; discussion at January meeting. 	
<p>10. Enforcement Undertakings – no news</p>	
<p>11. Any other business and news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NFM projects. WYCA flood risk money available. 3 projects in Bradford to be funded: Renovation and expansion of Chellow Dene and Pitty Beck, and new wetland at Northcliffe/Red Beck. b. New housing at Clayton has surface water drainage which may contain foul water. Include in next year's PollutionWatch. 	
<p>12. Minutes of last meeting – agreed</p>	
<p>13. Next meetings and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quarterly catch-ups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 9th January 2023 ii. 3rd April b. Bradford Scrutiny Committee, 18th Oct 	