

**ADDINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY
ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

Minutes of the meeting held on 29/10/23 at 10.00 am at 9 Main Street.

Present:

Gill Battarbee (GB), Rick Battarbee (RB), Jan Hindle (JH), Malcolm Secrett (MS), John Sykes (JS), Wes Wilcox (WW), Malcolm Secrett (MS), Dave Johnston (DJ)

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Actions not covered below

Minutes of meetings on 23/07/23 agreed.

Actions:

- Funding/finance: done
- Old First School Site: RB/JH still need to put together the case for the biodiversity/community value of the site. JH had flagged it up at a BMDC Biodiversity Partnership and suggested it might be considered for designation as a Local Nature Reserve. GB was waiting for the outline proposal before discussing it with ACS Trustees.
- Environment Weekend debrief/ brainstorm: done
- Bat group: RB/JH to speak to Sue Penny
- Bees & butterflies mid-season meeting: done
- CAI Heat pump open house event: AEG thermal imaging device to be demonstrated at two of the houses
- ZW Pop-up stall financial arrangements and use of ACS card reader: done
- Upper Wharfedale plastic tree guard collection outing – happened on 10 September.

3. Funding & Finances

GB circulated the accounts ahead of the meeting. There had been no income/expenditure against grant funded projects during this period. Grant for CCG seating area approved by YDMT, but payment will be once the work is completed. Noted that for this current financial year there was a deficit of £962 in income over expenditure. Total funds stood at £4565 of which £3070 was unallocated.

ACTION: £100 to be allocated to the Allotments budget head for recurring expenditure e.g. on seeds and compost.

4. First Aid & DBS

GB outlined the arrangements being made by ACS for first aid training. The course will be held in the upper room at the Fleece, at a cost of £47.50 per head. North Yorkshire Council offer a DBS check admin service, at a cost of £18 per check.

Confirmed that places will be reserved for up to 4 regular AEG volunteers on the first aid course. DBS checks needed for Saplings leaders and Voluntrees leaders (DofE scheme).

ACTION: JH to post on the Voluntrees what's app group to recruit for first aid course. GB to make DBS check arrangements.

5. Environment Weekend alternatives 2024

RB favoured themed weeks of activities to promote each of our objectives – zero waste, zero carbon, wildlife, and clean water to the wider community under the Climate Action Addingham banner.

GB thought that we needed to pace ourselves and work towards ideas for Bradford City of Culture 2025, in the context of where we want to be in five years' time.

ACTION:

RB – to flesh out ideas & GB to produce a draft matrix of events/activities.

6. Climate Action Addingham

RB reported on progress with setting up the website, inviting village organisations to be part of CAA and discussed arrangements for the town meeting on 16 November.

ACTION: All to note date for town meeting and set up in the afternoon. RB to circulate programme.

RB/MS reported on progress with the Climate Change Attitude survey: 200 households visited by our volunteers. No response from around 40, around 160 came to the door, of which around 30 declined to take part. So far just over 90 questionnaires have been filled in. Around 58 to nudge, RB has started to do this but needs help to complete this exercise. DJ, MS, JS, JH offered to help.

ACTION: RB/MS to produce 'nudge list' and allocate addresses to volunteers.

7. Jumble Trail – Sun 24 September debrief

DJ reported that there were 30 tables. Eleven responded to the feedback questionnaire, comments mostly positive. Footfall best on Main St/Church St. £971 raised for charity. Printing costs could be reduced, hard copy maps left over, and few picked up in advance from village shops.

ACTION: Agreed we should organise again in Spring 2025.

8. Wildlife/biodiversity update

- main focus of practical works end of season grass cutting/raking of wildflower meadow areas. Seeding and plug planting at CCG, school mini meadow and Mem Rec triangle with Catherine Mercer at YDMT still to be done.

9. Zero Carbon Update

- meeting of the group needed. **ACTION:** JS to arrange

10. Zero Waste Update

- monthly pop-up refill stall at Mount Hermon started in September as planned and going well so far
- Ian Benson is working up a questionnaire on attitudes to recycling.

11. Water Update

- Ilkley Clean River Group Town Meeting Yorkshire Water have approval for £61.5m investment to improve water quality (will include works in Addingham as well as at Ilkley STW)
- funding also for fish ladder at Low Mill.

12. Saplings

- Continues to go well.

13. AOB

ACS New Members Leaflet- updated version now available. GB circulated copies.

ACS Treasurer VACANCY – in the new year. Any ideas of people to approach welcome- time commitment about half a day a week.

AEG Social – at The Swan REMINDER – Friday 24 November 5pm

Totally Locally Christmas Market - Saturday 25 November - one table booked for ACS/AEG.

14. DONM

Sun 7 January @ 10.00

JEH/05/12/2023