

Friends of Bradford's Becks

Minutes of quarterly meeting on Monday 28th Sept 2015

Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, 7-9pm

Item	Action
Present: Ed Butterworth, Graham Glover, Elizabeth MacDonald, Pauline Ford, Jane Callaghan, Stuart Jenkinson, Martin Chapelow, Tony Emmott, Rose Reeve, Sara Dixon, Barney Lerner Apologies: Eddie Lawler, Irene Lofthouse, Gary Rushworth, Wendy Robinson	
1. Plaques	
All sponsored! Spontaneous applause for Ed.	
Stone ordered, coming slowly - on critical path. Bronze plaque (13) for Broadway already made. 12 & 14 are current priorities for being in place for opening of Broadway. Then 15.	
Westfield publicity on "soul of Bradford" before opening. We cant get in on 5 th (opening) so should do something afterwards.	
Agree to look for an event around Broadway opening AND a finish event about Easter. Ed to contact Westfield for former.	Ed
Book of poems – no news	Ed to enquire
2. We were unable to get a World Rivers Day event organised in time for 27th Sept and couldn't find a sponsor. However we now have films (Seven Stream, Simon Warner & Wading to Shipley, Steve Bottoms) available to use in City Park Big Screen	Irene is arranging showings
3. Invasives – no report	Barney to enquire
4. Footpaths	
OK on rights of way in Northcliffe. Still uncertain on Pitty Beck. Withdrawn Bull Greave Beck walk.	
Will look at Link route from city to Shipley. Trial walk: meet at Cathedral Steps up from Foster Sq. 10:30 on 7 th Oct to walk to Shipley.	Rose
Irene is investigating funding and mapping.	

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Beckwalks – 2 done in summer reasonably successful. Considering doing a big circular walk next summer.	
5. Urban pollution monitoring	
Volunteers Monitors: • Trained 16 volunteer monitors from the general public, Bradford Uni, and BEES. Recruitment is on-going.	
 Monitoring progress: Facebook group formed to report progress For University Campus to Shipley = 50+ samples over 8 days, 2 positive results (Leeds Rd CSO – overnight only) Gary and Graham Glover surveyed 'suspect pipes' from Shipley you Frizinghall. We have 5 volunteers for Ingelby Road to the Thornton viaduct, but awaiting results Started to plan for Keighley Becks 	
Promoting FoBB and RUP project: Talked to Yorkshire Post and T&A about recent activities RUP monitoring Litter picking with YBS Teaching people with learning disabilities about good citizenship (Bradford People First project)	
 Education Resource Development: Facebook group formed for the sharing of ideas Working with Barney, Wendy, and Irene Networking: offers of help from Bradford Grammar School, Bradford Girls Grammar School, Field Studies Council, Malham, and Martin Chappelow. Waiting for reply from Keighley Schools Gary to contact Plumbers (Bradford College) Advisory Group	
First meeting (Barney, Gary, YW, CBMDC, EA) next Tuesday at Jacobs Well, will report findings on Facebook (RUP monitors group).	
6. Litterpick with YBS took place on 23 rd Sept. 45 bags collected. Thanks to Gary, Kevin and David Brazendale for hosting.	
7. Morrisons bid – still awaiting outcome	
8. Bull Greave Beck bid for gating by Kevin – in discussions	
9. Renaturalisation project. £5K left over from Canal Rd roadworks is available towards the Beck. We've asked that it be used for an initial site investigation for contaminated land, details are being negotiated.	Barney and David Mould
10. Any other business.	
11. Minutes of last meeting. Accepted.	
12. Next meetings – 7 th Dec, 7 th March	Barney
However, we may change next meeting to be aligned with celebration of the first plaques at Broadway, and retire to a café for the formal meeting.	