

## Friends of Bradford's Becks

## Minutes of quarterly meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, 7:30-9pm. <a href="http://www.kirkgatecentre.org.uk/Directions/">http://www.kirkgatecentre.org.uk/Directions/</a>

| Item  |                  |           |               | Actions |
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| Present: Nic Sara, David, Singh (Fairv Apologies: 1. Co-op fu |                  |           |               |         |
| a.  |                  |           |               |         |
| b.  |                  |           |               |         |
| C.  | Stores involved: |           |               |         |
| Name  | Outlet Type      | Post Code | Telephone No. |         |
| Longfield Hou   | se Funeralcare   | BD7 2AE   | 01274 572 778 |         |
| Allerton Road   |                  | BD15 7BN  | 01274 491111  |         |
| Duckworth La  |                  | BD9 5EP   | 01274 498676  |         |
| High Park Driv  |                  | BD9 6HX   | 01274 541433  |         |
| Allerton  | Funeralcare      | BD15 7AB  | 01274 488 018 |         |

| Co-op funding continued. What we, FOBB, need to do:  |   |
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| d. Sign up our Co-op cards to the cause!  https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/16305/  | Everybody   |
| e. Have a presence in the stores: leaflets, pop-up banner, occasionally a person with a display and selling our walk booklets, etc. Suggestions:   | Barney to find out if poster/postcar ds permitted |
| i. Postcards at the tills  | and get some                                      |
| ii. Poster or pop-up banner  | made  |
| iii. Events, eg litter picks, guided walks   | Advertise   |
| f. Social media campaign to get customers to make us their charity.  | events<br>Work FB                                 |
|  | WOIKFD  |
| 2. Bowling Beck. Bradford Trident "are applying for some European Social Investment Funds (ESIF) to enhance the biodiversity of Little Horton, Bowling and Barkerend, and Bradford Moor One possible improvement is to de-culvert a section of Bowling Beck, approximately 60-100m along Park Avenue, on the west side of Bowling Park." |   |
| Best wishes and good luck from FOBB!   |   |
| 3. Save Fairweather Green group.   |   |
| Raised issues of (a) housing developments and effects on flooding, (b) pollution and bad smells, and sediment. There are storm tanks and CSOs nearby, often spilling in wet weather; unscreened, lots of sanitary waste. Problems with sediment from Herons Reach development on Pitty Beck.   |   |
| Advice is to always to ring EA Hotline 0800 807060 when you see pollution. Send them a photo. The more reports the better.   |   |
| FOBB has persuaded EA to require YW to do a sewage capacity study in next investment period (2020-2025).   |   |
| Housing development: unlikely to be able to make a case that the development will cause more flooding. FOBB will be making an objection on the grounds that the development spoils the riverine corridor, reduces access, interrupts the footpaths.  |   |
| 4. Canal Rd and renaturalisation.  |   |
| Stakeholder Workshop for the Shipley Canal Road Corridor Flood Risk and Benefits Study in conjunction with the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, The BEGIN project and the Environment Agency, 19th Jan.   |   |
| Attending: Ben, Steve, Robert, Kevin, Barney   | Barney to report back                             |

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| 5. Pollution issues.  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| Four unresolved issues: Westbrook (see below), Herons Reach sediment, Harden Beck (one missed)  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| Seven resolved issues: Poplar Rd, Leeds Rd CSO, CSO on Middlebrook, Bull Greave Beck stables, Shipley B&M misconnection (2 missed)  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| Three outstanding: Howarth Scouring, Ambler Mill, Carmires Beck.  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| 6. River Stewardship.   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| Nick Milsom starts 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb as ART's River Stewardship Project Officer. Tasked with (a) creating and supporting Friends of Groups on Bradford's rivers (including Bradford Beck) (b) helping to develop ART.  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Litter-picks:  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| a. For info, River Aire Care activities downstream of Baildon Bridge:   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| i. Community and Corporate dates: Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar, Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar, Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr, Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> April   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| ii. Contractor dates: 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 17and 18 May, 30 and 31<br>May  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>b. Possible with Civic Society: they would be interested in a joint litter pick.</li> </ul>  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| c. Possible with Co-op staff and customers  |                            |  |  |  |  |
| Dates agreed: Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March, Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> April.   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Environment Agency report, Update on the Westbrook beck project:   |                            |  |  |  |  |
| "Following 2 CCTV surveys by our ops teams, we were able to establish that the watercourse upstream of the University does not actually branch into two legs as we'd initially thought. Groundwork have used this information to put together a Scoping report with a list of businesses to prioritise for engagement. We have sent letters out to all of the businesses identified by Groundwork to make them aware of the project and to let them know that they may get a visit. Groundwork have started face to face visits, where they will provide pollution prevention advice and identify any possible misconnections. We are visiting 2 of the most likely businesses (judged by existing sewer connections and proximity to the culvert) with Groundwork this week. We expect Groundwork to have finished their work and submitted final reports by April." |                            |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Any other business and news  | Barney to                  |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>a. Biodiversity Scrutiny Review.</li> <li>b. River Worth Friends starting up. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup></li> </ul>   | report back                |  |  |  |  |
| March – meet at Dalton Mill, go on walk, Phil will demonstrate Riverfly monitoring, litter pick on the go, back to café for chat.   | Muppet to provide details. |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Minutes of last meeting agreed  |                            |  |  |  |  |
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## 11. Next meetings and events

a. Quarterly catch-ups: 30th April, 16th July (includes AGM)

All

b. FOBB litter picks: Sunday 4th March, Sat 28th April

All

## c. Others

- i. River Aire litter picks, Community and Corporate dates: Sat  $10^{th}$  Mar, Sat  $24^{th}$  Mar, Sat  $7^{th}$  Apr, Fri  $20^{th}$  April
- ii. Canal Rd workshop 19th Jan
- iii. Seven Centuries Of Recorded Floods In The Calder Valley. Talk by Nick Wilding to Hebden Bridge Local History Society, Wed 28th Feb, 7:30pm <a href="http://www.hebdenbridgehistory.org.uk/events/index.html">http://www.hebdenbridgehistory.org.uk/events/index.html</a>