

The Friends of Bracken Hall Countryside Centre

INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING

8pm Tuesday 16th April 2013, Baildon Community Link, BD17 6NX

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Item 1: Welcome

Everyone present introduced themselves and explained their interest in the Countryside Centre.

Item 2: Apologies

The individuals were not named, but it was agreed to record the apologies for absence of 14 people.

Item 3: Constitutional matters

The Constitution was adopted, with the amendment that the quorum for Annual General and Special meetings be raised to 7.

Item 4: BH progress

The report on progress to re-open the Countryside Centre was not given because the majority of those present had attended the public meeting where an update had been provided.

Item 5: Officers election

The following officers were elected unopposed:

- Chair: John Dallas
- Secretary: Joy Smith
- Treasurer: Richard Freeman (subject to his agreement)

Item 6: Membership issues

The contact list from the meeting and from apologies for absence from Baildon Town Councillors Jean Yule and Joe Ashton will be used as the membership list:

Item 7: New members issues

The Secretary has been authorized to make arrangements for new members:

- Proposed by: John Dallas

Seconded at the meeting.

Agreed

Item 8: Financial issues

Someone suggested that cash may be required in order to open a bank account. £1 was offered by attendees as a membership subscription. £12, including donations, which will be passed on to the treasurer.

John Dallas proposed that the banking arrangements should be practical and local. The lack of funds for room rental for meeting was noted.

Baildon Town Councillor Joe Ashton informed the meeting that both Baildon Link and the Parish Council encouraged volunteer groups and that the Link Manager was positive towards new groups. Various ideas were considered for funds including set-up grants / starter group grants (suggested by Ian Lyons), The Cooperative Society and the Community Chest and fundraising walks.

Agreed:

Item 9: Next meeting

Tuesday 14th May at 8:30pm (following the Management Committee Meeting at 7:30pm) at Baildon Link. It was confirmed that, initially, the committee would consist of the officers and any other members attending.

Item 10: Any other business

The room rate was £14, with Joe Ashton happy to cover this and a collection to cover this was made by members of the Friends of Bracken Hall CC.

All were thanked for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

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