

The Friends of Bracken Hall Countryside Centre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday 20th May 2014, Baildon Community Link, BD17 6NX

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Item 1: Welcome

The meeting opened at 7.40PM. There were 9 members present. John Dallas welcomed members to our first AGM.

Item 2: Apologies

Apologies for absence: 4 people.

Item 3: Previous minutes

Minutes of the Inaugural General Meeting were accepted: Proposed and seconded.

It was noted that the Constitution was agreed by Baildon Town Council and any amendments would be made by BTC.

Item 4: Progress on activities

The Chairman reported a successful year. Activities included Wild Wednesdays and Guided Walks. There had been opportunities to highlight and promote Bracken Hall and a future link with the Media Museum.

Public Interest has been kept going via local press and radio and volunteers are ready to hit the ground running with our aim for the future opening of Bracken Hall Countryside Centre.

Q&A

We are fairly optimistic for the future. If the anticipated sale is agreed a lease to BTC and FoBHCC for part of the site for 25 years will be signed on the same day. The agreement does not preclude other parties using Bracken Hall to deliver activities.

Item 5: Financial issues

A copy of the Treasurer's financial statement is attached. Materials bought with the grant from the Lord Mayor's Appeal Fund (Sprinkling Sunshine) will last us through this summer's activities. Shipley Stationers had been generous, returning the £18 discount on our order to FoBHCC.

Q&A

- Shipley Stationer's is currently closed, but may re-open.
- New subscriptions are due as from today.

Item 6: BH progress

Progress: we will continue our activities until we have firm news.

We were nominated for, and received, a Community Heroes Award for new groups, which is being displayed for us at the Tearoom on the Glen. Children and Family activities continue and we have a Guided Walks programme up to Christmas / Boxing Day. We have no further news of Headteachers' interest in using Bracken Hall.

Item 7: Officers election

Officers were elected unopposed:

- Chairman: John Dallas
- Secretary: Joy smith
- Treasurer: Richard Freeman

A vote of thanks was proposed.

Item 8: Membership issues

We have a current membership list of 40. It was agreed to keep the membership subscription for this year at £1.

Item 9: Next meeting

Next meeting – Monday 30th June at 7pm. We hope to use Baildon Children Children’s Centre.

Item 10: Any other business

- The minutes of 1st May meeting will be held until the next meeting.
- We have arranged filmed activities in Shipley Glen with the Media Museum.
- Wild Wednesday – 28th May. Butterfly theme. Susan Stead and Monster Adventure will support.
- Summer Activities – we will run Wild Wednesdays.
- The Walks programme will continue, the next walk will be 27th June – Ilkley Moor, 3-4 hours.
- Friends of Baildon Moor Public Meeting – matters discussed affecting Shipley Glen included dog fouling, parking, vehicle speed and path improvements.
- Peter Foster – National Navigation Award Scheme and Young Star Awards registered tutor - is planning map reading walks. There will be a charge, with some revenue to FoBHCC.
- Baildon Walkers are Welcome Walking weekend – 18th – 20th July, family walk 19th July.

AGM closed

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