

Meeting of the Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust

held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.30pm at the Roundhouse

MINUTES

Present: Duncan Ault (DA), Niccola Swan (NS), Andrew Wriglesworth (ADW), Sylvia Tilford (TS), Tom Sumner (TS), Robert Savile (RS), Harvey Bosomworth (HB), Jane Hills (JH), Simon Hills (SH), Ian Rigarlsford (IR), Mark Elsworth (ME)

1. Apologies for absence: Andrew Plaxton
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018 - approved
3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda - None

4. Correspondence:

Letters had been received from 'Walkers are Welcome' and the Burley Bowling Club thanking BWCT for recent funding; Letters had been received regarding the Scalebor playing area and the Roundhouse garden (see later); the Co-op had written inviting an application from BWCT for further funds.

5. Trustee Matters:

ME had taken over as BWCT treasurer. BWCT is still recruiting for a new membership secretary.

6. Treasurers Report.

ME had prepared an overview of BWCT's current financial position to cover the position between 1 October 2017 and 14th March 2018.

As at 14th March, the bank balance for the trust stood at £40,148.68. Of this figure £11,333.38 was held in the playground fund and £5,407 reserved for Corn Mill Pond. This leaves £23,408.30 in the general purposes fund.

Main income since 1 October includes income from Greenbelt of £9,140, gift aid relating to the playground fund of just over £1,875, generous donations from the Coop totalling around £2,600 and just short of £1,500 of donations relating to the Christmas lights, of which £600 or so came from the collecting buckets.

In terms of main items of expenditure or outgoing sums during this period, there have been the payments to HGM regarding Scalebor of just over £3,610, insurance of £1,450 and just over £2,835 spent on the Christmas lights. There have also been grants to the Bowling Club and Walkers are Welcome of £500 and £350 respectively as agreed at the previous meeting.

7. Library update

NS (who also sits on the Parish Council) reported that, following the recent Burley Parish Council meeting on 8th March, it had been decided not to close or sell the Library. Both the Queens Hall and Library would therefore need refurbishment.

8. Scalebor Park:

- a. Pavilion: DA expressed a concern about the lack of any ongoing maintenance to the interior of the building which the football club have the responsibility to look after. DA to contact Burley Trojans on this point.

- b. **Grounds and Pitches:** DA confirmed that there had been a written complaint about the general state of the grounds and their overuse by the football club during the current period of ongoing bad weather. The playing surfaces which have drainage are in fact in reasonable condition, but the non-playing surfaces which are undrained are in a poor condition. DA will also remind the football club that the residents pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the grounds as whole and not to use the undrained areas for practise. As usual, £5,500 is shortly to be spent on slitting and sanding, with half of this cost being borne by the football club and half by BWCT, with the work to be done by mid April. The pitches should be useable by the Cricket Club a week or so later.
- c. **Greenbelt and woodland:** BWCT have quoted for a continuation of the maintenance contract for this year and this should be decided by end of March. A longer term contract will be proposed starting from next year.

9. Burley Playground update

Rachael Robinson of the playground committee attended this part of the meeting. The discussion with Burley Parish Council continues regarding the most appropriate location for the zip wire. BPC, for reasons relating to available space at the Park, would currently support only a much shorter zip-wire within the current playground at a cost of just under £10,000. This would significantly reduce the practical use of the equipment especially by older children. The view was expressed that a fully usable 20 metre zip-wire is best located with other facilities at the centre of the village i.e. Grange Park rather than the recreation ground, which is, relatively speaking, a more remote location and less easy to supervise.

It was suggested that the discussion with BPC needs to continue and that there should be a site visit to Burley Park with members of the BPC to see if a way forward could be found. In the meantime it was agreed by the trustees that the playground funds should be retained.

A small stone mill wheel is to be installed to celebrate the 2017 opening of the new playground facility.

10. Marketing:

IR is to step down as chair of the subcommittee due to his other commitments, but confirmed he is still happy to serve as part of the committee. It was agreed that NS would take over the role of chair. HB will also continue on the committee.

11 Membership

It was confirmed that current membership stands at 772 as compared to 802 last year. 145 of last year's members have not renewed. DA is to circulate a list of these non renewals to the trustees to see if it is appropriate for any of these to be pursued.

12 Burley website and forum

HB confirmed that usage/hits continued to increase . The content was discussed and it was agreed was largely in good order, but some degree of regular updating was still needed.

It was also agreed that BWCTs role in promoting the site ought to be more prominent.

HB was thanked for his help with the latest Duck race posters.

13 Christmas Lights:

The income from the 'switch on' had been mentioned above. This included £600 from the collecting buckets and around £428 from the boxes left with local businesses.

The coop had promised further funding for the 2018 lights. BPC has included a budget of £1,500 for help with this years funding, for which thanks were recorded.

14. The Duck race

The 2018 event is to take place on Sunday 10 June. 3500 ducks are to race this year (500) more than in previous years. BWCT will deal with the sale of 1500 of these with the other 2000 allocated to the scouts and guides.

DA to contact the police for assistance, in relation to crossing the A65 before the event.

15. The Round House

No significant work had has yet been carried out on the exterior (BPC responsibility) or internally (BWCT responsibility) - apart from the installation of a new heater.

It was suggested that photos of the areas most in need of attention were taken to BPC with a view to agreeing the commencement of a repair program.

A letter had been received concerning the poor state of the garden area around the Roundhouse which had also not yet been progressed.

16. Pudding Tree Garden/Jubilee Garden

Apart from some tidying and cleaning work it was indicated that both areas were looking to be in good order.

17. Bowling Club/Walkers are Welcome: funding results.

The Bowling Club were making steady progress in restoring the playing surface.

Walkers are Welcome were to install the new kissing gate the following day.

18. COOP card funding: Scouts and Duck race tickets

The Coop funding lasts until October 2018 and BWCT had been invited to reapply. The scouts had been allocated an increased number of Duck race tickets to assist in their fund raising.

19. Fountain of Life

Nothing to report other than the repeat of a need for a 'Spring clean'.

20. Corn Mill pond

Nothing to report, other than that the hedge has been cut.

21. BWCT: ideas for 2018 and assistance to other village organisations.

ST suggested support for a new netball club in the village and it was agreed that the idea should be taken forward.

See also immediately below.

22. Youth provision: Progress

The idea of supporting a regular Junior Park Run around Burley was discussed and agreed, subject to an appropriate route being identified. This would encourage youth engagement and also offer volunteering opportunities for older children and adults. It may be important in terms of timings to avoid Sunday mornings when the football club are active.

23. Risk assessments

Nothing to report, other than the reminder to DA, to seek police presence on the A65 immediately prior to the Duck race.

24. AOB

TS confirmed that arrangements were on track as regards the hanging baskets.

Most of the funding for the cost of a scanner for BWCT had been obtained from Shipley Community Trust.

There was an update from the Burley Bridge association who had indicated that planning permissions were to be renewed on both sides of the river Wharfe. No objections had been received. Bradford Council had indicated that it may be prepared to use compulsory purchase powers over relevant land owned privately. DA reminded the trustees that BWCT had agreed to take over the maintenance of the bridge provided that a £100,000 fund was also raised by the Bridge Association. The current target date to bring the project to realisation was 2021.

It was reported that the artist Ian Middleton of 'Somerville Arts' is intending to paint an abstract picture of Burley in Wharfedale and produce a limited edition of 250 copies. He is prepared to give a percentage of total proceeds to BWCT.

ST on behalf of the Festival Committee asked for a donation of £500 to support children's activities during Festival week. It was confirmed that the festival is non profit making. The donation was agreed on the basis this should keep the cost of such activities to a low and therefore at an affordable level for most children.

BPC are looking to instal two water fountains in the village, possibly one in or near the Roundhouse and one in the recreation ground. The project will be expensive. It was agreed that this was a good idea and that BWCT was open to request for financial support.

25. Next meeting May 15th 7.30pm in the Roundhouse