

Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2020

Present: Duncan Ault (DA, Chair); Mark Elsworth (ME); Andrew Wriglesworth (AW), Jan Edwards (JE); Loraine Hughes (LH); Niccola Swan (NS);Graham Brown (GB); Simon Hills (SH); Nick Turnbull (NT); James Moorhouse (JM) (who became a trustee during the meeting)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sylvia Tilford (TS); Tom Sumner (TS); Harvey Bosomworth (HB); Ian Rigarlsford (IR)

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2020

These were approved.

3. Matters arising

It was resolved to correct the spelling of Wharfedale on the relevant entries at the Charity Commission and also to omit the hyphens within the place name.

4. Correspondence

Letters had been received from both the Burleys Festival and Burley Gardeners each making £500 donations to assist in the work on the Roundhouse garden.

Correspondence had been received from Steve Carruthers regarding Cornmill pond (see later)

Ilkley round table had written regarding support for the zip wire (see below)

The co-op had written confirming that Mark the manager of the local store was leaving on 8th March. It was agreed that a card should be sent expressing gratitude for past support and best wishes for the future.

Finally a letter had been received from Carys Bose regarding youthquake (see later)

5. Trustee Matters

JM briefly explained his background and family, as well as his commitment to the village and it was agreed he should become a trustee.

6. Treasurer's Report

Prior to the meeting ME had circulated a schedule showing the financial position of the trust. He noted that the value of assets for the Trust stood at £73,852.47 as at 4th of March 2020 having been £83,076.59 at 1st October 2019.

Of this figure, £11,278.65 continued to be held in the Playground Fund and £4,254.45 was reserved for the Corn Mill pond. £2,504.61 was held for spending in connection with the Library (mistakenly indicated to be £3,254.61 at the January meeting).

This left £55,814.76 in the General Purposes Fund (including Michael Cocks' legacy which it had previously been agreed could be used for general purposes). Commitments of £17,650 (including up to £17,000 for the playground) reduced the available general funds to £38,514.76).

Main receipts since last meeting of £3,530 from Greenbelt in respect of Scalebor; £853.85 in respect of the Christmas lights collection; and £500 each from Burley Festival and Burley Gardeners for the Roundhouse garden.

The most significant outgoings since last meeting were the annual insurance premium costs of £1,521.77; £430 for the Roundhouse Garden; and a grant of £500 to Love Burley.

The scouts had confirmed they needed no further financial help, so the loan is limited to £10,000, which once repaid will further boost general funds.

7 Funding progress and requests

Ilkley Round Table table had kindly agreed to donate £2,500 toward the costs of the zip wire/ play park. An application for the same purposes has been made to Otley Lions who will also hopefully provide financial support.

The co-op had provide some specific financial support of £300 for the library and further help was anticipated in October for the ongoing running of the library.

8. Possible future projects and priorities

The list compiled at the May meeting was reviewed;

- A sum of £2,400 or so was still available for the library with around £1,800 having been spent on furniture for children.
- The toilet block is to be reroofed in April. The building is to continue to be used for storage of the Christmas lights. BPC is to meet the cost and TS will oversee.
- In relation to the notice boards, it was agreed these would include an acknowledgement to the financial support from the late M Cocks. Information on possible designs was provided to the meeting by SH. One way forward includes provision of artwork consisting of 8 or so drawings at a cost of around £2,400, £1,700 for the boards and £2,000 for installation making a total cost of around £6,000. The cost could be reduced to £2,500 to £3,000, plus £1500 for frames, if we can supply text and photos. It was suggested that the history trail was followed for the text. DA was to talk to Ian Middleton, a local artist, to see what help he might give. It was also agreed that the two proposed notice boards would be located at the railway station and in the centre of the village close to where the Christmas tree was usually situated.
- The Skate Park. JE had established that the cost for a basic concrete skate park at £350/£400 per square metre would work out at around £110,000. It was agreed that there should be consultations with the public to get ideas for the project. For example it may be that a BMX track should be considered or a par court section. The plan would be to put together a basic design in order to apply for grant funding. Once funding had been achieved the implementation could be

put out to tender. The location of the proposed Skate Park would be in the Recreation Ground (similar to its present location).

- Roundhouse Garden. £500 had been donated by Burley Festival and another £500 of funding had been secured from Burley Gardeners, for which grateful thanks were to be recorded.

9. Scalebor Park

Service agreement with Greenbelt: DA reported that this was still being discussed.

Maintenance and drainage: it had been a difficult 2 months with the very wet weather. There was a new 3 way funding proposal, for the servicing of all three football pitches in the village, to be attended to by Danvic at the start of the season. This would specifically be in relation to sanding, re-seeding and verti draining. The financial contributions would come from BPC, BWCT and the football club. In practice BWCT would be contributing £4000 rather than £2,500 this year. The approach would be reviewed for next year. It was agreed that the football club should provide more publicity for BWCT. The pitch at Burley Oaks is also included in the idea and it was suggested that the idea of public access at weekends be explored for both the playing field and the bike track..

Pavilion : The building will be painted this year with the idea of it being redone every 3 years.

New access to playground: there were to be discussions with Greenbelt about their helping to fund this new access.

Parking area: some new tarmac planings were needed to fill in the potholes.

10. Youth provision proposals

LH updated those present as follows;

The youth club for 11-14yr olds continues to go well, with attendances of between 6 and 25 young people per event. 14 attended the most recent event. LH reported that 2 children had been excluded for bad behaviour. She had also discovered that 4 of the children had siblings who were attending the ASB achievement centre in Ilkley, which again highlighted the difficulties and the need for this sort of support.

4/5 of the children had been selected to participate in a Bradford Youth a group trip to Poland over the summer which was very positive.

A meeting had taken place a week previously involving Jacqui Whiteley, Dale Smith and Carys Bose (head of Shipley Youth) regarding provision of support for youth workers. Funding remains an issue for such workers. Without sufficient qualified workers the groups cannot function, as insurance would not apply. LH will continue to see what back up can be found and with explore further with Cerys Bowers.

LH was thanked once again for her continued efforts and persistence in all of this.

11. Playground update phase 2

It had been decided that BWCT would look to assist in funding the shortfall up to a maximum of £17,000. Ilkley Round table had agreed to provide £2,500 and Otley Lions were also being approached for help in the order of around £2,000.

It had been decided not to apply for lottery funding as support from that source will be needed for the skate park.

12. Membership for 2019/20

The new membership count stands at 926 with 467 households signed up.

Paper forms needs to be altered to be the same as the online forms. This will need to be done for late May and HB will be asked to assist.

NT will try to get hold of a list of landline numbers for members, to assist in following up renewals of membership.

13. Marketing: general publicity, especially for membership and events.

An on-line newsletter had just been issued.

NS continues to add photos and stories on to the Facebook page when available.

Malcolm had requested more photos for the website etc

14. Burley Website

DA has seen Malcolm who is hoping to have the new website up and running by May and will attend the May meeting. He has also purchased a drone to assist in taking photos of important or relevant village locations.

15. Duck Race 21.6.2020

Tickets will be printed shortly. The guides will assist in the selling of tickets and will also provide teas etc in the park afterwards.

As usual DA will write to the police for assistance at the crossing of the A65 before the event.

16. The Roundhouse and garden: update

Burley Parish Council will deal with the guttering costs and work.

The garden work is to be dealt with by John Hardisty. Although an overall donation of £1,000 has been received (as mentioned earlier), another £1,000 will need to be committed to by BWCT to assist in the costs of the patio and two benches, with £350 already having been committed.

17. Notice boards - see earlier

18. Walkers are welcome.

Dave Asher attended the meeting. He reported that 17 kissing gates had been installed on the last 5 years. 4 more have been approved, one of which is being funded by the landowner. Funding assistance of £350 was requested for one other, with Bradford Metropolitan Council then agreeing to fund a stone step style at Bleach Mill lane. This was agreed to by the committee.

A second project as previously reported was to improve access to areas of the village under the 'Walking with Wheels initiative. Funding of a bench was requested, on a section which was separately to be levelled out (for which no funding was needed), on the way up to Hagg Farm and which provided a resting spot in a scenic location. The cost of £507 including VAT for the bench was also approved.

19. Pudding Tree garden/ Jubilee Garden:

Nothing to report.

20. Fountain of Life area

TS is to jet spray clean the site

21. Hanging baskets and tubs

The baskets are to be repeated in 2020 with TS once again to action. As usual both BWCT and BPC will contribute.

21. Corn Mill Pond

Steve Carruthers had written to indicate his and his wife's future plans in relation to residency at Weathervane cottage.

22. AOB and meetings for 2020

Concerns over anti social behavior (including vandalism to the defibrillator) at Scalebor were discussed. It was indicated that complaints needed to be reported to the police who would then eventually take action. The possibilities of better lighting or CCTV were discussed and the idea of getting better lighting will be initially explored.

Funding for this years Christmas lights was discussed. Around £2,500 would be needed. Barclays were going to provide support worth £1,000 for which thanks was noted.

The Love Burley initiative to provide community meals was mentioned. BPC had provided £500 on top of BWCT's support of £500 and that should be sufficient for 2020.

Next meeting provisionally listed for 7.30 pm May12th at the Roundhouse (subsequently cancelled because of the coronavirus restrictions). Next meeting now scheduled for Tuesday 14th of July in the Roundhouse