



## Addingham Civic Society

### **DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. 7.30pm



### Addingham Memorial Hall

#### 1. Chairman's welcome and Apologies.

**Present: Trustees** – Malcolm Keeble (Chair) Gill Battarbee, Roger Seddon, Richard Walton, Mike Williams, Ian Cameron, Steve Lloyd, Pat Weatherill, Steve Noblett, Jane Welby (Minutes)

**Members**, There was a sufficient number of members in attendance for the AGM to be quorate.

**Formal apologies:** Margaret Keating, John Sykes, Jim and Lynda Robinson, Jack and Beryl Robson, Gary Copping, Jayne Hood.

#### 2. To approve the Minutes of AGM held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and any matters arising.

No Matters arising.

No questions

Minutes proposed by Ann Austin, Seconded by Ian Drysdale. All those members present were in favour.

#### 3. To receive a report from the Trustees: Interim Chairman Richard Walton.

After 13 years at the Helm of our Civic Society Jim Robinson abandoned ship and embarked on a round of holidays instead, leaving us all bereft. With no immediate willing successor, we set sail again with a colourful coalition of amateur helmsmen from the lower decks and have managed, at least, to bring our ship into the safe harbour of our AGM where we hope to take on a new Captain and a host of new recruits to the lower decks.

We must give Jim a huge thank you for the time and effort he, and Lynda, gave to the Society and for the stability his long stint endowed on us, and we thanked him both at our very successful Christmas Party and also at a more personal dinner the trustees hosted at the Golf Club.

We did manage to complete a full year of activities which included 9 or 10 speaker meetings with a variety of interesting speakers sourced principally by Jayne and Debs to whom we offer our thanks. As usual we staged our Spring and Autumn Fairs which once again attracted many visitors, raised quite a handsome sum of money and we gave the whole sum raised at the Spring Fair to assist with relief in Ukraine. We thank Diana and her team for their efforts for both Fairs. Also, as we had not been able to organise our Summer Trip for a few years, we added a Summer Party with local band, to our very popular Christmas Party with local band, and – surprise - it was just as popular. We do like a good party.

**Heritage Group** - As you all know we have two large associated Groups in the Civic Society the newest of which is the Heritage Group. The group now has quite a number of active and enthusiastic helpers and hosted several Photo Archive Displays in the Hub, at our Fairs and during the Village Jubilee and Coronation Celebrations. In addition, they have produced and erected a new and attractive Information Board at High Mill to highlight the Mill's history and were very grateful to receive a grant to scan nearly 2000 slides to add them to the photo archive. Two members have today attended the second Yorkshire Heritage Summit in Saltaire and earlier in the year won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in YHACS competition for projects (Yorks & Humber Assoc of Civic Socs).

**Environment Group** - Our Environment Group goes from strength to strength as its 'fame' spreads and gains more and more like-minded helpers and volunteers, without which none of the projects could proceed, particularly the significant tree planting projects that are ongoing. We thank Wharfedale Naturalists who have provided grants for several of these projects, and InCommunities who have sponsored and helped residents in Craven Crescent with their wildlife garden. We have finally established Climate Action Addingham which will work alongside the Parish Council

to help achieve our objectives in Carbon reduction etc. Don't forget the very successful Jumble Trail and Environment Weekend which will be repeated shortly.

**Other ACS Work and Activities** - Between all this partying etc we managed to continue with our Civic Pride Awards and Community Awards. We helped with a lot of the organising, proof reading and delivery of two village newsletters in addition to preparing our own monthly newsletter for which we thank our new editor, Jane Welby, for stepping into the position left by our departing Chairman.

Of course, all of these meetings, Fairs, Parties and Events seem to encourage new members which does give us an excuse to have another 'get together' to introduce them to the Trustees. We generally host these at the Cricket Club and try to entice them to join in, help where they can, etc – this year's was particularly successful as one of those recent new members is nominated to the Committee tonight.

Ever mindful that the world does move on we have purchased two card readers so we can now take electronic payments for all our services, including books, cards and membership. So those of you who could never find their chequebook or wallet now only need a bankcard. Technology – you can't beat it.

And, for those of you who like to see a good hardcopy, we have just taken delivery of a very nice notice board which will be put up on the side of the Hub, to match the Parish Council one.

As well as all this we also contribute speakers to the Primary School Enrichment programme. This is a very worthwhile project and has provided a rich variety of topics for the pupils.

Finally, and we know it is 18 months away, Bradford City Of Culture 2025 is on its way. Shanaz Gulzar, Creative Director for Bradford CoC 2025, came and spoke to Trustees along with representatives from the Parish Council. She explained that this would embrace not just the City, but all its boroughs as well and that each 'borough' would get its own 'artiste' to coordinate local projects. This is ongoing as we speak but we will keep everyone up to date and hopefully it will provide another excuse for a Village Celebration – we love those.

And finally, another finally, in addition to Jim Chairing for half the year, Gill for the huge amount of time spent keeping us all in line, the colourful coalition of Steve, Roger and Richard for stepping up and playing at being chairman and all the rest of the trustees and co-opted members for tolerating us, we must thank our members – that's you lot! - for helping where you can, attending when you can, and buying all those things you don't really need. It's what keeps us going.

#### **4. Financial Report –Mike Williams**

Year 21/22 continued to see the effects of Covid in that no events were held. The ACS expenditure was higher than the previous year, but is accounted for in terms of, purchase of the Best Kept Village Sign and IT expenditure.

Year 22/23 Income – Largely made up from grants acquired by the Environment and Heritage groups. The remainder was made up from subscriptions, book and card sales and ACS activities and events.

Expenditure – A donation was made to Ukraine from the proceeds of the Spring Fair. A donation was made toward printing expenses for the Queen's Jubilee and the first Community Award to the Addingham Garden Friends was made. This was the first of three, payable annually.

Apart from the Current Account, the Society also has monetary assets with the Skipton Building Society, and holds approximately £550.00 in cash which is used primarily for floats at events.

There were no questions.

Audited Accounts - Proposed by Mike Boulton, Seconded by Jonathan White. All present were in favour.

Mike expressed gratitude to Ian Drysdale for his work in checking the accounts and the committee thanked Mike for his work throughout the year.

#### **5. Nominations for the Officers of the Society**

Gill Battarbee was proposed as Chair

Roger Seddon was proposed as Vice Chair

There were no other nominations and all members present were in favour and the appointments were made.

Gill advised the meeting that with her appointment there would be no ACS secretary, but that Jane Welby had taken over several of the administrative duties associated with this role.

**6. Nominations for the Trustees of the Society.**

It was proposed that Richard Walton and Margaret Keating be re-elected

It was proposed that Co-opted Trustees, Ian Cameron, Pat Weatherill and Steve Noble should be elected as Trustees. No other nominations were received. All members present were in favour and the appointments were made.

**7. Any Other Business**

Gill Battarbee noted that following Jim Robinson's departure from his role as Chairman, it became evident that the remit had evolved into something vast. The Trustees reviewed the role and continue to work towards dividing tasks. Jim Robinson was unable to attend but sent his congratulations to the new Chair and his best wishes to all Trustees and new Trustees.

**Chairman Malcolm Keeble thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.**