



Addingham Civic Society

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7.30pm



Addingham Memorial Hall

1. Chairman's welcome and Apologies.

Present: Trustees – Gill Battarbee.(Chair) Malcolm Keeble. Richard Walton. Ian Cameron. Gary Copping. Pat Weatherill. Steve Noblett. Jane Welby (Minutes). Chris Ensor.

Members: There were a sufficient number of members in attendance for the AGM to be quorate.

Formal apologies: Margaret Keating. Jim and Lynda Robinson. Roger Seddon. Seamus Bloomer. Chris Acomb. Alan Davies. Jonathan White. Ronnie Allison. Jan and Richard Hindle.

2. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on the 18th May 2023 and any matters arising.

No Matters arising.

No questions

Minutes proposed by Malcolm Keeble, Seconded by Richard Allison. All those members present were in favour.

3. To receive a report from the Chairman – Gill Battarbee

The Chairman's report was distributed via the May Newsletter and Gill summarised the key points.

- I. The number of members now stands at 397 and Gill thanked Margaret for her excellent work in her role as membership secretary.
- II. The ACS agenda was full over the last year and the same is planned for this year. However, whilst hesitant to take on more, Gill reassured the members that any suggestions for events/activities would receive full consideration.
- III. Gill advised that the society has approximately 100 volunteers and thanked them for their time and energy.
- IV. The ACS has links to several other village organisations including Climate Action Addingham alongside the Parish Council, and several other local organisations are joining them.
- V. 2025 – the ACS is a partner in the Addingham contributions to the Bradford City of Culture.
- VI. The ACS has four themes which are – Planning, Heritage, Environment, and Community.
 - a. Planning – Gill thanked Malcolm for his work in leading this group and Richard for stepping in as and when required. The group receive a significant number of local planning applications throughout the year on which to comment and advise in the interests of the members. Most significantly, the recent planning appeal to re-open Horn Cragg Quarry required an incredible amount of work in preparing and presenting arguments by Malcolm and Rick and was successful resulting in the application being rejected.
 - b. Heritage – Gill offered a huge thank you to Don Barrett who has led the group for many years but has now handed over the chair to Ian Cameron, who continues to move the work of the group forward. Last weekend, the Heritage Group had a stand at the annual Yorkshire Heritage Summit.
 - c. Environment Group – Many thanks to Rick and the steering committee and the many volunteers who contribute to the success of this group.
 - d. Community ACS – Gill thanked the Trustees for their contribution throughout the year and thanked the two Trustees who have stepped down this year after several years of service. Mike Williams has relinquished the role of Treasurer and handed this over as a shared role between Seamus Bloomer (Cash Treasurer) and Mike Enever (Spreadsheets). Steve Lloyd has now handed his responsibility for publications to Christine Ensor.

No questions were forthcoming, and members showed their appreciation with a round of applause. Gill concluded by thanking the members for their continued support.

4. Finance Report – Gill Battarbee

A copy of the end of year accounts was sent out with the May newsletter but Gill highlighted several issues for clarification.

- I. Gill advised the members that as the society's income is less than £25,000, auditing of the accounts is not a requirement. However, as good practice, each year the end of year accounts is reviewed and verified by Ian Drysdale and Gill thanked him for his time and effort in this respect.
 - a. The year started with a current account balance of over £8,008.99, but has ended the year with a significantly lower balance of £2,351.41.

Gill explained the reasons for this decrease in the end of year balance. The Environment Group was awaiting a significant grant which was not received in time for the year end accounting. It has since started to arrive in instalments and the account now holds over £5,000. Gill reminded members that any such grants are ring-fenced for use only for the purposes for which they were awarded. Also, the Environment group in the previous year had received significant donations from work undertaken, which had boosted the income of the society.
 - b. Income – The Environment Group income in the 2022 – 2023 year was boosted by a number of large grants. Donations to the Society were also significantly higher in the 2022 – 2023 financial year due to a number of large donations made to the Environment Group.
 - c. Expenditure – Gill highlighted the high printing costs in 2022- 2023. She advised members that this was due to a significant donation being made towards the printing for the Jubilee event and the printing for the Environment weekend. The Society expenditure almost doubled in the 2023 – 2024 year due to the purchase of a Society notice board and a contribution towards the Village Coronation committee.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Diana Keeble and seconded by Malcolm Secret. All in favour

5. Nominations

Seamus Bloomer and Christine Ensor were co-opted to the Trustees in February 2024 with a view to nomination at the 2024 AGM.

Seamus Bloomer was nominated as trustee and Treasurer. No other nominations were received.

Christine Ensor was nominated as a Trustee. No other nominations were received.

Both nominees were proposed as Trustees and accepted unanimously.

6. AOB

Don Barrett and members thanked Gill for her hard work with the ACS, Heritage and Environment groups.

Gill thanked the Trustees and Members and closed the meeting at 19.55.