

Meeting chaired by Charles Adams

Attendees

Jim Milner, Charles Adams, Peter Burke, John Hartley, Tony and Auralee Evans, Richard Adams, David Harriott, Mike Payne, Lauren Brundell, John Whyte, Daniel Kelly

Apologies

Joy Edwards, Chris Wright

Minutes of the last meeting Approved by the group

Charles Adams showed the group the website he's been working on

John Whyte has passed the latest annual accounts and added that the group was in a good financial position

Secretary's Report

Lauren brought the Anne Lister Birthday Festival ALBF to the group's attention and said that there may be some interest in the Happy Valley and Last Tango in Halifax locations.

Karen Hornby will be starting her role as the Community Rail Partnership officer imminently.

Treasurer's Report

Jim recognised John Whyte efforts as the auditor so the group has donated the use of the rail passes and £100 towards a hotel. John Whyte reluctantly accepted but added that it is a pleasure to do the audit.

There has been no expenditure. The 2022 Yorkshire in Bloom fee has not been paid as we are in credit from previous years

Income £520.

The group agreed to pay the CRN membership renewal.

Annual plan submitted to Northern by end of February.

Northern have some money left to allocate to groups with a very short deadline at the end of their financial year which he has earmarked for the group. There's going to be a South Pennines Map to be installed by Northern in the underpass and this funding application is tied in with that. It has now been approved by Northern. A similar map has been installed at Halifax station.

Jim will apply for a Ward Forum grant but the group needs to decide exactly what to apply for, i.e. improving the look of the container. A subgroup will be formed to look into the best way of cladding and information boards. A strategy meeting on Tuesday 29th March, 7.30pm (location TBC) will be held to discuss these matters further. Mike also suggested toilet facilities are in great need but this was dismissed by the group.

Gardening Update

Safety briefings – Richard Isaacs has been asked about safety briefings. They are planned and are likely to be done remotely/he will provide the safety briefing. Joy will need to say who needs to have a safety briefing and if and when they would be willing to attend.

RA asked at what level the briefing would take place. LB to email to ask who would want to take part and asked that her work colleagues be included.

Membership Update

No update from John Myddelton.

Sponsorship Update

No update from John Hartley

Health and Safety Officer

No further developments so there's still no Health and Safety Co-ordinator. Instructions given on reporting problems at the station (handed out in meeting but more copies available). Gardening group needs to have access to first aid kit, accident book and possibly a burns kit in the container. Charles will look into this and check dates on the items. There's also access requirements for the compounds, storage of the hi-vis jackets.

Mike suggested that we look into a welfare unit whilst there is a hiatus at the JRR/we look into future options.

Jim added that Chris is trying to sell the tables from outside the JRR and asked if they could go into the Bronte Garden. Given the current ebay price the group decided that they would look into what they cost in the market place and look at it in conjunction with the cladding.

Website/Social Media

Mike has set up the FB page and there's 200 people following. People need to contribute.

Charles has done a draft of the website and can get a deal of £173 (for 3 years) from a green company based in London plus a hosting fee of £3 per month. The website is linked to the Facebook page. The group agreed that Charles should proceed with this.

Coach Trip

Peter Burke – we have bookings carried forward from 2 years ago. PB will have a look at what's happening in September. The coach company still have the deposit for the last trip.

AOB

JM Do we want a dog bowl on the station (Northern). Initially no as can't guarantee the freshness of the water but will check with Joy first.

Macular Degeneration group – a lady passenger had problems getting off the train as they no longer announce stations. CA will mention it to Richard Isaacs

RA One of the floor-mounted geese has been moved but retrieved and put in the compound.

CA Platinum Jubilee – he will ask Richard Isaac if there are any plans for it.

Leaflets are available to promote the group if anyone can distribute them to any other locations.

David Harriott has brought some photos down from the Remembrance Service which the group can help themselves to.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm