

In order to keep members fully up to date with YHACS activities, a resume of the executive meeting minutes is being placed on the website. Any YHACS members may attend Executive meetings as an observer. Please contact Peter Cooper to make arrangements.

**YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER ASSOCIATION OF CIVIC SOCIETIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY**

28th January 2006

White Hart Hotel, Harrogate

1. Present

Peter Cooper, Kevin Trickett, Don Pickis, Mike Burke, Saskia Hallam, Katie Bishop and Helen Kidman. Apologies: Walter Jones and Richard Ward.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

These were agreed as correct record.

3. Matters arising not on the agenda and o/s action points

Matters arising were deferred due to pressure of time. All members to check action points and provide written update by email.

4. ADO report from Katie Bishop

Sheffield CT – Steering committee formed, to meet through February and March before aiming for public meeting in April and AGM in May. Good response from several bodies throughout Sheffield to support this venture. A4A bid of £850 successful to set this CT up.

Newsletter had been issued.

A presentation on YHACS Forums was to be made at AGM, to show members how they can get involved in on line discussions.

5. Fund Raising and Treasurer's Report.

DP reported that the current balance is £7938 76. PC handed DP the first Change Up cheque to be banked.

It was agreed that PC would submit application to the Big Lottery Fund for ongoing funding of ADO.

On behalf of the committee, PC thanked Don Pickis, who was standing down at the AGM, for his service as YHACS Treasurer.

It was agreed that Richard Ward (nominated new treasurer) should become a cheque signatory of YHACS.

6. Website

KB offered to assist members having any problems. It was agreed to add meeting minutes and agendas in PDF format.

Societies to be asked for contributions to be published on website.

A resume of exec meetings should be added to website

7. Arrangements for AGM

Arrangements were made for managing the afternoon meeting.

8. CT National Committee – report from Kevin Trickett (chair)

PC and KB also attended.

Most members now aware that Civic Focus has ceased publication on grounds of costs. It will be replaced but no details yet. It is the major benefit for individual and corporate members of CT, so delay needs to be kept to the minimum.

KT had introduced a template for regional reps to report progress but this was not yet fully deployed. At each meeting, a region will be asked to give a more detailed account of their activities. KT will be visiting each regional committee in the next few months.

It was agreed that now that CT confirmed they were unable to take the Civic Society Handbook concept forward, YHACS could seek funding.

9. Change Up

Since the last meeting, YHACS had been successful in the bid for Change Up funds to provide a civic society officer for 4 months and run a series of conferences. Due to tight timescales PC had been mandated to advertise the job in the Yorkshire Post. 10 applications had been received; sifted down to 6 invites for interview on 6th Feb courtesy of English Heritage at Tanner Row, York. The standard of applications had been good, with several people having very relevant experience. The panel will consist PC, KT and MB plus someone from EH if available.

It was agreed that the sum of up to £1,000 of Change Up funds available for IT could be spent on the best combination deal of laptop and laser printer without further reference to the committee.

As part of the package YHACS also get 10 days' consultancy time, which could be used for speakers at the conferences but could be used for other activities such as building up media skills. Dates for the conferences and speakers need to be established. MB agreed to act as liaison for accommodation for conferences eg hotels.

10. AOB

A vote of thanks was recorded to Peter Jackson for auditing the accounts.

11. Date of Next meeting

Priory Centre, York. 04.03.06.