

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER ASSOCIATION OF CIVIC SOCIETIES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Cedar Court Hotel

Harrogate on Saturday 28th January 2017.

1. Present

Over 60 members and guests were present, representing 24 YHACS member societies and Civic Voice. A full list appears at Appendix A.

Members remembered Peter Hacker of Harrogate Civic Society, who died in early December 2016.

2. Apologies for Absence

See Appendix A

3. Minutes of the AGM 30.01.16

These were proposed by Eric Amende from Spen Valley Civic Society seconded by Susan Amaku of Harrogate Civic Society and approved by the meeting.

6. Matters Arising.

There were none.

7. Annual Report.

Kevin Trickett presented the annual report, which had been circulated in advance, together with a forward look for YHACS for 2017.

8. Treasurer's Report

The accounts for 2016 were explained and questions of the Treasurer invited. There being none, the Annual Report and Treasurer's Report were proposed by Malcolm Sharman of Hull Civic Society and seconded by Lynda Kitching from Leeds Civic Trust and approved by the meeting.

9. Election of Officers

The following officers were nominated and elected unopposed by the meeting:

Chairman - Kevin Trickett
Vice Chair - David Moss
Treasurer - Richard Ward
Secretary - Helen Kidman

10. Election of Executive Committee

The following committee members were nominated and elected unopposed by the meeting:

Phyllis Barnes
Paul Cartwright
Margaret Clarke
Martin Hamilton
Tony Leonard
Jim Robinson
Malcolm Sharman
David Winpenny

Dr Kevin Grady retired from the committee having recently retired from Leeds Civic Trust. Kevin Trickett on behalf of YHACS thanked Kevin Grady for all his efforts right back to the setting up of

the Association (19 years ago) and made presentation to him of a gift voucher as a token of appreciation for all had done.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the YHACS committee was invited to express their interest in serving to any existing member of the committee, at any time during the year as there was an option to co-opt members during the year.

11. Election of President

Peter Cooper was nominated and elected unanimously by the meeting.

12. Any Other Business

Amendment to YHACS Constitution

The motion (*For clarity, changes to the existing text have been highlighted in red*)

That Clause 17 of the Association's Constitution of September 2005, as amended in January 2008, be amended to read as follows, the changes coming into full effect at the AGM to be held in 2018:

- 1) The Charity in general meeting shall elect the Officers and the other Trustees.
- 2) The Trustees may appoint any person who is willing to act as a Trustee. Subject to paragraph 6 (b) of this clause, they may also appoint Trustees to act as officers.
- 3) **Save for the Chair (who shall serve for a period of three years after first appointment)**, each of the Trustees shall retire with effect from the conclusion of the annual general meeting next after his or her appointment but shall be eligible for re-election at that annual general meeting.
- 4) **The Chair shall retire with effect from the conclusion of the third annual general meeting after his or her appointment but shall be eligible for re-election at that annual general meeting for a further three-year term, at the expiry of which the Chair must retire from the post at the annual general meeting closest to the three-year anniversary of his or her second appointment. At that, and any other annual general meeting, the retiring Chair shall be eligible for re-election as a Trustee, including as one of the other officer posts, but not as Chair until a period of one year or more has expired since he or she last occupied that post.**
- 5) No-one may be elected a Trustee or an Officer at any annual general meeting unless prior to the meeting the Charity is given a notice that:
 - (a) is signed by a member entitled to vote at the meeting;
 - (b) states the member's intention to propose the appointment of a person as a Trustee or as an officer;
 - (c) is signed by the person who is to be proposed to show his or her willingness to be appointed.
- 6) (a) The appointment of a Trustee, whether by the Charity in general meeting or by the other Trustees, must not cause the number of Trustees to exceed any number fixed in accordance with this constitution as the maximum number of Trustees.
- (b) The Trustees may not appoint a person to be an Officer if a person has already been elected or appointed to that office and has not vacated the office.

The amendment was proposed by the committee seconded by the members and approved unanimously.

MEMBERS' MEETING

13 Professor Emeritus Rick Battarbee of UCL – Illustrated Presentation on Climate Change

Jim Robinson introduced members to Professor Battarbee

Professor Battarbee outlined the evidence for climate change and global warming, the action that needs to be taken to reduce and ultimately halt the changes, the consequences if we do not collectively take action and the mitigation already put in place. He extolled members to 'think global, act local' and explained some of the local activities being undertaken in Wharfedale to reduce the impact of flooding as a result of more intense storms. Societies could propose the use of planning conditions to increase sustainable energy systems such as ground source heat pumps and solar panels.

14. Latest News from Civic Voice - Joan Humble Chair of Civic Voice

Joan gave an illustrated presentation including a brief history of the civic movement, current initiatives and activities at Civic Voice, including War Memorials, the Big Conservation Conversation, the All Party Parliamentary Group for Civic Societies and Civic Day (17th June 2017).

15. Presentation of the YHACS/Peter Spawforth Excellence Awards

The presentation of YHACS annual awards.

Commendations went to Huddersfield, Wakefield, Scarborough and Halifax Civic Societies

3rd Prize (£50) - Doncaster Civic Trust

2nd Prize (£100) - Pontefract Civic Society

1st Prize (£200) - Leeds Civic Trust

Congratulations to all participants.

16. Round up of news

Erica Amende from Spen Valley Civic Society sought details from societies of any civic buildings at risk as a result of local authority cutbacks for example, schools, civic buildings, museums or sports facilities with details so that Civic Voice and YHACS could be alerted.

Helen Kidman of Ilkley Civic Society encouraged the audience to delegate, particularly those leading civic societies.

She sought further society representatives to join the new YHACS Planning Forum and reminded members to complete the questionnaire on civic day and conservation area anniversary celebration activities, so that these could be shared with a wider audience.

Joyce Stangoe from Whitby Civic Society drew members' attention to particular conservation issues in Whitby Harbour where various listed structures were at risk including the two harbour piers. There had been some planning decisions regarded as poor and the Visitor Information Centre had been closed down. Help was needed quickly to save the town's maritime heritage before it was too late.

Margaret Hicks-Clarke from Goole Civic Society reported on a successful and enjoyable project with Howden School Year 6 pupils using the '50 Fascinating Facts about Goole' publication that the society had produced. The children had produced a great range of posters following their discoveries.

Chris Marsden from Huddersfield Civic Society briefly explained to societies how to obtain small grants from the IHBC for Conservation Area activities. If societies obtain one of these grants, Historic England will waive their charges for the use of their images – another significant saving.

Adrian Perry from Scarborough Civic Society brought members' attention to planning issues in Scarborough, where Victorian buildings were under threat of demolition, but saved by emergency spot listing. The Constitutional Club was listed grade II and received a stay of execution.

Helen Kidman
28th January 2017.

List of attendees

	Society/Organisation	Surname	First Name
1	Addingham Civic Society	Battarbee	Gill
2	Addingham Civic Society	Birch	Ken
3	Addingham Civic Society	Lloyd	Patsy
4	Addingham Civic Society	Lloyd	Steve
5	Addingham Civic Society/Market Weighton CS/YHACS	Robinson	Jim
6	Addingham Civic Society	Robson	Beryl
7	Addingham Civic Society	Robson	Jack
8	Addingham Civic Society	Robinson	Lynda
9	Bradford Civic Society	Hall	Alan
10	Bradford Civic Society	Oates	Mandy
11	Brighouse Civic Trust	Culpan	John
12	Castleford Heritage Trust	Drake	Alison
13	Castleford Heritage Trust	Wallis	Tony
14	Doncaster Civic Trust	Anderson	Tina
15	Doncaster Civic Trust	Coote	Peter
16	Doncaster Civic Trust	Holmes	John
17	Goole Civic Society	Clarke	John
18	Goole Civic Society/Market Weighton CS/YHACS	Hicks-Clarke	Margaret
19	Goole Civic Society	Walker	Rachel
20	Goole Civic Society	Walker	Steve
21	Halifax Civic Trust	Connolly	Eileen
22	Halifax Civic Trust	Paxton-White	June
23	Harrogate Civic Society	Siddans	David
24	Harrogate Civic Society	Siddans	Margaret
25	Harrogate Civic Society	Amaku	Susan
26	Huddersfield Civic Society	Earnshaw	Lesley
27	Huddersfield Civic Society	Marsden	Chris
28	Huddersfield Civic Society/Scarborough CS/Market Weighton CS/Scalby Village Trust/YHACS	Ward	Richard
29	Hull Civic Society	Sharman	Dot
30	Hull Civic Society/Market Weighton CS/YHACS	Sharman	Malcolm
31	Ilkley Civic Society	Blackburn	David
32	Ilkley Civic Society/Market Weighton CS/YHACS	Kidman	Helen
33	Leeds Civic Trust	Hamilton	Martin
34	Leeds Civic Trust	Kitching	Lynda
35	Leeds Civic Trust	Taylor	Jane
36	Knaresborough Civic Society	Wright	Helen
37	Knaresborough Civic Society	Wright	Ian
38	Market Weighton Civic Society/YHACS	Leonard	Tony
39	Pontefract Civic Society	Cartwright	Christine
40	Pontefract Civic Society	Cartwright	Paul
41	Richmond Civic Society	Hilyard	Carol
42	Ripon Civic Society/Market Weighton CS/YHACS	Winpenny	David
43	Scarborough Civic Society	Bridgewood	Glen
44	Scarborough Civic Society	Bridgewood	Pete

45	Scarborough Civic Society/Market Weighton CS/YHACS	Cooper	Peter
46	Scarborough Civic Society	Perry	Adrian
47	Scarborough Civic Society	Perry	Chris
48	Selby Civic Society/Market Weighton CS/YHACS	Moss	David
49	Selby Civic Society	Wildash	Jim
50	Skipton in Craven Civic Society	Clark	Sheila
51	Skipton in Craven Civic Society	Nash	Claire
52	Spen Valley Civic Society	Amende	Erica
53	Wakefield Civic Society	Holwell	Margaret
54	Wakefield Civic Society/Market Weighton CS/YHACS	Trickett	Kevin
55	Wakefield Civic Society	Ward	Brian
56	Wakefield Civic Society	Wood	Geoff
57	Whitby Civic Society	Stangoe	Joyce
58	YHACS Committee/Market Weighton Civic Society	Grady	Kevin
59	Guest Speaker	Humble	Joan
60		Humble	Paul
61	Guest Speaker	Battarbee	Rick
	Apologies		
1	Barnsley Civic Trust	Barnes	Geoff
2	Barnsley Civic Trust	Barnes	Phyllis
3	Beverley Civic Society	Hopkins	Pam
4	Beverley Civic Society	Payne	Jane
5	Bridlington Civic Society	Oliver	Cyril
6	Brighouse Civic Trust	Midgley	Jenny
7	Brighouse Civic Trust	Thraves	Robert
8	Civic Voice/High Wycombe Civic Society	Fooks	Tony
9	Civic Voice	Harvey	Ian
10	Goole Civic Society	Kitchen	Jean
11	Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Civic Society	Bassett	Teresa
12	Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Civic Society	Bassett	Graeme
13	Harrogate Civic Society	Pankhurst	Henry
14	Hornsea Civic Society	Salvidge	Nicki
15	Pickering Civic Society	Potter	Mike
16	Pudsey & District Civic Society	Depelle	Jackie
17	Pudsey & District Civic Society	Richards	David
18	Richmond Civic Society	McDonald	John
19	Scalby Village Trust	Dixey	Hazel
20	Sheffield Civic Trust/Civic Voice	Bedwell	Paul
21	Wakefield Civic Society	O'Donnell	Mike
22	Wakefield Civic Society	Spawforth	Peter
23	Whitby Civic Society	Harty	Susan