

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER ASSOCIATION OF CIVIC SOCIETIES

YHACS MEETING HELD AT THE CHRISTCHURCH, SKIPTON ON 18TH JULY 2015

DELEGATES PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See Appendix 1

WELCOME FROM CLLR GORDON BELL, MAYOR OF SKIPTON

Cllr Bell welcomed YHACS members to Skipton, which is a Magna Carta town, celebrating the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta this year. He outlined the history of the town and explained that there was plenty for visitors to see in Skipton and lots to learn about the town, with plenty of ancient pubs to visit.

WELCOME FROM SHEILA CLARKE, SKIPTON CIVIC SOCIETY

Sheila welcomed members saying that the Society was now 54 years old and continues to be active in scrutinising plans. They are currently preparing a time-line leaflet for the town.

MINUTES OF THE ILKLEY MEETING 25TH APRIL 2015

These were proposed by David Winpenny (Ripon) and seconded by Paul Cartwright (Pontefract) and approved by the meeting.

NB Kevin Trickett advised that Adrian Spawforth's slides from the last meeting would be circulated separately and will be limited to those who were present at the Ilkley meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kevin reported that the new government had led to changes in planning law with an increased impact on brownfield sites, some delays in developing the Northern Powerhouse and a 'pause' on HS3.

He had attended an Addingham CS meeting as a guest speaker and provided advice to Hull CS. He had attended the launch of Historic England at which several YHACS societies had also been represented.

Horbury and Market Weighton Societies - The YHACS committee had stepped in to support these societies and will shortly be calling local meetings and attempting to pull younger people in.

A newsletter had been issued which had included an article by Peter Cooper's on the crisis in civic engagement, covering how societies presented themselves, the legal requirements of charity trustees, and the need to do lively practical things.

CV had recently held its first Annual Design Awards. There had been a commendation for the Orange Box at Halifax and the Slowing the Flow project at Pickering.

Freddie Gick is calling for help for CV in the form of specialist panel members and trustees. Margaret Clarke had offered to help CV with press and media relations. Kevin said he was hoping to persuade someone from the committee at Wakefield to put their name forward, but more volunteers are needed if Civic Voice is to be successful at what it does.

TREASURER'S REPORT

YHACS now has 40 members, with two being pursued for 2015/16 subs. There is £4695 in the bank account.

PRESENTATION BY NICOLA MORRIS OF CRAVEN MUSEUM

Craven Museum in Skipton has recently been awarded £90k by the Arts Council Resilience Fund. They were attempting to address barriers to access in order to create a community asset. Outreach sessions had been held with schools, a village dementia group, through art sessions and exhibitions, including Sheep Day publicity. Nicola then took questions from the floor

BUILDING HAPPINESS – PETER COOPER

Peter's presentation was on civic societies doing useful things rather than being merely a talking shop. In Scarborough, as in other places, the civic society had become involved in building restoration, taking on considerable projects such as the Parcels and Excursions Railway Station at Scarborough and Dean Road chapel. These projects were carried out using HLF and Community payback funding.

YHACS PORTFOLIOS

Malcolm Sharman and Margaret Clarke gave an overview of their YHACS portfolios.

CIVIC SOCIETY NEWS

Lousia MacFarland outlined a number of planning applications in Skipton where the civic society had commented.

Paul Cartwright told members about the calendar Pontefract CS was producing using it to promote the society especially to new residents via estate agents.

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Date of Next Meeting

At Pontefract on 10.10.15

Helen Kidman
29th July 2015

Appendix 1 - Attendees & Apologies

Society/Organisation	Surname	First Name
Barnsley Civic Trust	Barnes	Geoff
Barnsley Civic Trust	Barnes	Phyllis
Bradford Civic Society	Hall	Alan
Bridlington Civic Society	Oliver	Cyril
Brighouse Civic Trust	Culpan	John
Doncaster Civic Trust	Kimber	Steve
Goole Civic Society/YHACS Committee/Horbury Civic Society	Clarke	Margaret
Huddersfield Civic Society	Earnshaw	Lesley
Hull Civic Society	Sharman	Dot
Hull Civic Society/YHACS Committee/Horbury Civic Society	Sharman	Malcolm
Ilkley Civic Society/YHACS Committee/Horbury Civic Society	Kidman	Helen
Leeds Civic Trust	Kitchin	Lynda
Leeds Civic Trust	Taylor	Jane
Market Weighton Civic Society/YHACS Committee/Horbury Civic Society	Leonard	Tony
Pontefract Civic Society	Cartwright	Christine
Pontefract Civic Society	Cartwright	Paul
Richmond & District Civic Society	McDonald	John
Ripon Civic Society/YHACS committee/Horbury Civic Society	Winpenny	David
Scarborough Civic Society	Perry	Adrian
Scarborough Civic Society	Perry	Chris
Scarborough Civic Society/YHACS President//Horbury Civic Society	Cooper	Peter
Skipton Civic Society	Wood	Anne
Skipton Civic Society	Clark	Sheila
Skipton Civic Society	Holdaway	Dean
Skipton Civic Society	Nash	Claire
Skipton Civic Society	Edy	Judith
Skipton Civic Society	MacFarland	Louisa
Skipton Civic Society	Hatfield	Ella
Spenn Valley Civic Society	Berry	Colin

Spenn Valley Civic Society	Amende	Erica
Wakefield Civic Society/YHACS committee/Horbury Civic Society	Trickett	Kevin
Wakefield Civic Society	Ward	Brian
Wakefield Civic Society	Wood	Geoff
Wakefield Civic Society - Guest	MacDonald	Iain
York Civic Trust	Fraser	David
Speaker - Craven Museum and Gallery	Morris	Nicola
The Mayor of Skipton	Cllr Bell	Gordon
The Mayor's Consort	Bell	Mrs
Apologies Received		
Addingham Civic Society	Robinson	Jim
Beverley Civic Society	Hopkins	Pamela
Bridlington Civic Society	Payne	Jane
Doncaster Civic Trust	Coote	Peter
Goole Civic Society	Clarke	John
Halifax Civic Trust	Paxton-White	June
Harrogate Civic Society	Pankhurst	Henry
Harrogate Civic Society	Hacker	Peter
Historic England	Wall	Deborah
Huddersfield/Scalby and Scarborough Civic Societies/YHACS Committee/Horbury Civic Society	Ward	Richard
Hull Civic Society	Fowler	Cynthia
Knaresborough Civic Society	Kaye	David
Pickering Civic Society	Potter	Mike
Pudsey & District Civic Society	Depelle	Jackie
Ripon Civic Society	Winpenny	Sheila
Scalby Village Trust	Dixey	Hazel
Selby Civic Society	Moss	David
Selby Civic Society	Wildash	Jim
Skipton Civic Society	Wrathmell	Sue
Wakefield Civic Society	Spawforth	Peter
Wakefield Civic Society	O'Donnell	Mike