

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER ASSOCIATION OF CIVIC SOCIETIES

MINUTES OF THE YHACS MEETING HELD AT JAMES COOK THEATRE AT THE COLISEUM, WHITBY ON 23RD JUNE 2016

DELEGATES PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See Appendix 1

WELCOME FROM MICHAEL DAWSON, WHITBY CIVIC SOCIETY

Michael welcomed members to Whitby and advised that Whitby Civic Society was now in its 21st year. He wished YHACS a successful meeting.

Kevin Trickett thanked Colin Berry and Erica Amende on behalf of those who had joined them at their home for pre-dinner drinks on the Friday evening, and to all who had been able to participate in a very pleasant evening meal at the White Horse and Griffin afterwards. This was followed on Saturday morning by a very interesting walk around Georgian Whitby.

A message of best wishes to YHACS was received from the Mayor of Whitby, Noreen Williams (she was very busy with Armed Forces Day events in the town).

MINUTES OF THE DONCASTER MEETING 9th APRIL 2016

These were proposed by Erica Amende, seconded by Jim Wildash, and approved by the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

The need for a YHACS Futures Group was raised by Peter Cooper. Members agreed and the committee will consider it at their next meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Horbury CS - Kevin updated members on developments at Horbury Civic Society. An AGM was held at the end of May and the society was re-floated with six local committee members, three of whom were elected as chair, deputy chair and secretary. A local treasurer is still needed, although a volunteer has possibly come forward to take over from September. Kevin, Helen Kidman and David Moss have thus stood down from their officer posts although, as with other YHACS committee members, they would remain on the Horbury committee until the end of the year. Richard Ward will continue as treasurer for the time being. The Society now has 28 members (including the 11 YHACS committee members). [Note a further 2 committee members have been co-opted since the AGM and two further members have joined the Society.]

Market Weighton CS – A public meeting will be held on Thursday 30th June 2016 with the intention of re-launching the society. The former treasurer has expressed concerns about the higher level of subscriptions proposed but Kevin had responded to explain why the new rates had been introduced.

Kevin noted the culture and heritage theme to the meeting. He said that civic societies had an important role to play in telling the stories and keeping alive the memories of the places in which they operated. However, it was important that civic societies also gave some thought to their own histories and how they kept their own records. He advocated that societies should think about archiving and digitising their own records to make sure they were available to committee members in the future.

With this in mind, Kevin explained that his own society in Wakefield had recently started to use cloud storage provided by Box. This meant that documents, such as minutes of meetings, correspondence and annual reports and accounts, could be filed on-line and accessed by other

members of the committee at any time rather than being held solely on the computer of one or other committee member. Access to Box software can be obtained at a discount rate via [Technology Trust Exchange](#) by any civic society that is registered as a charity. Kevin also pointed out that charities could obtain a variety of software at discounted rates through Technology Trust but that they would first have to open an account. The savings, made possible because some software companies, including Microsoft and Adobe, donated some of their products for charity use.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Richard Ward stated that YHACS currently has 40 members and funds totalling £5847.60. Kevin added that a new member, Castleford Heritage Trust had recently joined YHACS as a member.

HMHS ROHILLA

An introductory talk from Whitby Civic Society was given by George Dawson, followed by a film showing the centenary events commemorating the bravery of the rescuers and survivors of His Majesty's Hospital Ship Rohilla after the grounding of the vessel on a reef near Whitby on October 30th 1914.

GUEST SPEAKER SUE BOYCE - 'THE HAVEN UNDER THE HILL' – THE STORY OF WHITBY HARBOUR.

The Rohilla disaster graphically illustrated the extreme hazards of this coastline and the need to maintain Whitby as a safe harbour. Sue went on to give a brief history of the never-ending financial battle to maintain the piers and harbour in Whitby over the centuries and then updated the story with the current Fight4Whitby campaign.

CIVIC SOCIETY NEWS

The next meeting will be at Goole, a planned town built by the Aire and Calder Navigation Co almost 200 years ago. We meet at the Lowther Hotel on 29th October 2016.

The Civic Voice convention is in Chester on 21st and 22nd October. Booking is via Eventbrite. Civic Voice is seeking new trustees and a review of CV activities is to be undertaken.

Wakefield CS is currently concerned with HMOs (houses of multiple occupation). They are objecting to them through the planning system but with no effect.

AOB

None

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Goole on 29th October 2016; AGM Harrogate on 28th January 2017

Helen Kidman
29th June 2016

Appendix – List of attendees/apologies received

	Society/Organisation	Surname	First Name
1	Barnsley Civic Trust	Barnes	Geoff
2	Barnsley Civic Trust	Barnes	Phyllis
3	Bridlington Civic Society	Oliver	Cyril
4	Goole Civic Society	Clarke	John
5	Goole Civic Society/YHACS Committee/Horbury Civic Society	Hicks-Clarke	Margaret
6	Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Civic Society	Bassett	Graeme
7	Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Civic Society	Bassett	Teresa
8	Huddersfield Civic Society	Earnshaw	Lesley
9	Huddersfield/Scalby and Scarborough Civic Societies/ YHACS Committee/Horbury Civic Society/ Market Weighton Civic Society	Ward	Richard
10	Ilkley Civic Society/YHACS Committee/Horbury Civic Society	Kidman	Helen
11	Market Weighton Civic Society/ YHACS Committee/ Horbury Civic Society	Leonard	Tony
12	Leeds Civic Trust	Grady	Kevin
13	Ossett Civic Trust	Amos	Ruth
14	Ossett Civic Trust	Mitchell	David
15	Pontefract Civic Society	Cartwright	Christine
16	Pontefract Civic Society/YHACS Committee	Cartwright	Paul
17	Scarborough Civic Society/ YHACS President/ Market Weighton Civic Society/ Horbury Civic Society	Cooper	Peter
18	Scarborough Civic Society	Hepworth	Christine
19	Selby Civic Society/YHACS Committee/Market Weighton Civic Society/ Horbury Civic Society	Moss	David
20	Selby Civic Society	Wildash	Jim
21	Spen Valley Civic Society	Amende	Erica
22	Spen Valley Civic Society	Berry	Colin
23	Wakefield Civic Society	O'Donnell	Mike
24	Wakefield Civic Society	Spawforth	Peter
25	Wakefield Civic Society/ YHACS Committee/ Market Weighton Civic Society/ Horbury Civic Society	Trickett	Kevin
26	Wakefield Civic Society	Ward	Brian
27	Whitby Civic Society	Appleton	Alan
28	Whitby Civic Society	Bayliss	Betty
29	Whitby Civic Society	Dove	Christopher
30	Whitby Civic Society	Dawson	George
31	Whitby Civic Society	Dawson	Michael
32	Whitby Civic Society	Harty	Susan
33	Whitby Civic Society	Huish	Lucy Joy
34	Whitby Civic Society	James	David
35	Whitby Civic Society	Smith	Sandra
36	Whitby Civic Society	Smith	Ted
37	Whitby Civic Society	Stangoe	Joyce
38	Whitby Civic Society	Whitlam	Chris
39	Whitby Civic Society	Whitlam	Pam
40	Whitby Civic Society	Wilson	Paul

	Apologies Received		
1	Addingham Civic Society	Robinson	Jim
2	Aireborough Civic Society	Woods	Clive
3	Bradford Civic Society	Hall	Alan
4	Brighouse Civic Trust	Culpan	John
5	Brighouse Civic Trust	Midgley	Jenny
6	Castleford Heritage Trust	Drake	Alison
7	Doncaster Civic Trust	Coote	Peter
8	Goole Civic Society	Walker	Rachel
9	Goole Civic Society	Walker	Stephen
10	Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Civic Society	Turner	Ann
11	Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Civic Society	Turner	Martyn
12	Halifax Civic Trust	Paxton-White	June
13	Historic England	Wall	Deborah
14	Horsforth Civic Society	Wright	Janis
15	Huddersfield Civic Society/ YHACS Committee/ Scalby Village Trust/ Market Weighton Civic Society	Ward	Richard
16	Hull Civic Society	Sharman	Dot
17	Hull Civic Society/ YHACS Committee/ Horbury Civic Society	Sharman	Malcolm
18	Leeds Civic Trust	Kitchin	Lynda
19	Pickering Civic Society	Sissons	Mark
20	Pickering Civic Society	Potter	Mike
21	Pudsey & District Civic Society	Richards	Dave
22	Richmond Civic Society	Hilyard	Carol
23	Ripon Civic Society	Winpenny	David
24	Scalby & Newby Village Trust	Dixey	Hazel
25	Scarborough & District Civic Society	Bridgewood	Glen
26	Scarborough & District Civic Society	Bridgewood	Pete
27	Scarborough & District Civic Society	Perry	Adrian
28	Scarborough & District Civic Society	Perry	Chris
29	Sheffield Civic Trust/Civic Voice	Bedwell	Paul
30	Skipton Civic Society	Clarke	Sheila
31	Wakefield Civic Society	Wood	Geoff