

BARROW UPON SOAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meetings held on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 in the Library, commencing at 7.00pm

Trustees Meeting

1. David Rodgers talked through the Annual accounts 2014. Their approval was proposed by Pauline Ranson, 2nded by Betty Turner. All in favour.
2. Sue spoke for all in her thanks to David.

Annual General Meeting

1. **Welcome** by Judith Rodgers (Chair)

Apologies: Trustees: Val Gillings, Craig Johnstone, Anne Perry, Maureen Green, Sue Rodgers, Ted Rodgers, Carol Westbury, Mike Collins

Non Trustees: Kathryn Timmons, Sheila King, Prue Padmore, Shirley Ratcliffe, Andy Dermott, Diane Cave, Terri Davies, Catherine Holmes

Present: Trustees: Diane Thorpe, Graham Hobbs, Sue Hobbs, Ginnie Willcocks, Alan Willcocks, Betty Turner, Ceri Fairbrother, Pauline Ranson, Frances Thompson, David Rodgers, Ann Higgins, Brian Tetley, Chris Bates

Non Trustees: Vanessa Smithson, Guy Smithson, Jane Tindle, Gordon Tindle, Keith Chaplin, Helen Sadler, John Nurse, Anthea Bramley, Gaynor Barton, Janet Billington

2. **Minutes of the AGM held on Mon 2nd June 2014**

Alan Willcocks proposed that they be accepted as a true record, Seconded Betty Turner. All in favour.

3. **Matters arising:** None

4. **Closure of Charity No 505692 (Old BUSCA):**

David Rodgers proposed that Old BUSCA be wound up at the end of 2015. The reason for deferring this is that we have to be sure that the Barrow Voice advertisers have adopted our “new” bank account. Seconded by Ceri Fairbrother. All in favour.

5. **Presentation of accounts for 2014**

This was done in detail during the initial Trustee’s meeting earlier in the meeting.

6. **Election of Officers:**

OFFICERS	NOMINATED	PROPOSED	SECONDED	OUTCOME
PRESIDENT (Frances Thompson)	Frances Thompson	Judith Rodgers	Ann Higgins	All in favour
CHAIR (Judith Rodgers)	Judith Rodgers	Pauline Ranson	Diane Thorpe	All in favour
VICE CHAIR (Sue Rodgers)	Sue Rodgers	Graham Hobbs	Betty Turner	All in favour
TREASURER (David Rodgers)	David Rodgers	Betty Turner	Graham Hobbs	All in favour
MINUTES SEC (Ceri Fairbrother)	Ceri Fairbrother	Graham Hobbs	Betty Turner	All in favour

7. Election of Trustees to Council

A block vote was agreed: proposed by Frances Thompson; seconded by Chris Bates. All in favour

Betty Turner		Chris Bates		Brian Tetley		Craig Johnstone	
Val Gillings		Anne Perry		Mike Collins			
Maureen Green		Pauline Ranson		Graham Hobbs			
Ann Higgins		Ted Rodgers		Diane Thorpe			
Ginnie Willcocks		Carol Westbury		Alan Willcocks			

8. Appointment of auditor: Frances Thompson proposed that we appoint Roger Chappell. Pauline Ranson seconded. All in favour.

Graham Hobbs proposed a vote of thanks be conveyed to Roger. All in favour.

9. Adoption of Forward Plan 2015 including Reports 2014, Budget 2015 and Special Projects 2015

Judith led a lightening tour of the Annual Report 2014 and Forward Plan 2015.

Barrow Voice: (Gaynor Barton)

Over the years BV has become more of a magazine than a newsletter and is going from strength to strength. In responding to a decline in number of advertisers we have had to reduce the number of pages but June's edition will be back up to 36 pages. Gaynor asked for more contributors and more photographers. She thanked John Nurse for his excellent work creating the BV website.

Events: (Betty Turner)

Betty commented that numbers of customers are going down for dances.

The murder mysteries are excellent. Centre Stage will continue for 2015/16.

Heritage Group: (Ginnie Willcocks)

It is now a very active group with 12+ members. Currently they are looking at farming in the village and will have an exhibition in the Round House in September.

Last year, they found so much information about the Holy Trinity memorials that the group has decided to publish a leaflet.

Panto Group (Ceri Fairbrother)

Last March's panto was very successful. We are delighted that the Youth Theatre is back on track and will be performing Disney's Little Mermaid in November.

Twinning: (Graham Hobbs)

23 visitors will be coming to Barrow in June for this year's exchange celebrating 20 year's of Twinning with Marans. The group would welcome new members and Graham reassured people that you don't have to be able to speak French.

Youth Action Group (Judith Rodgers)

Sadly the group has been disbanded. However, its need has more or less disappeared with the mounting success of the Tuesday evening Street4Life Youth Group run by the Carpenter's Arms, financed by the Parish Council. Between 20 and 30 young people often turn up.

Fossil Trail (Judith Rodgers)

There is now a new adult Fossil Trail leaflet which includes the ammonite sculpture on Sibley Road.

Special projects: see REport

Pauline Ranson proposed that they be accepted, Diane Thorpe seconded. All in favour.

Diane Thorpe proposed that Barrow Library become our Registered Address as soon as the transfer has taken place. Alan Willcocks seconded. All in favour.

10. Reports: i) on progress with BUSCA taking over the library as a Community Partnership Library

Brian Tetley: The LCC will be providing us with model policies (via VAL) that we can use as a template for the running of the library. We don't have to have sorted all the detail wording etc before the transfer; the deadline will be March 31st 2016. These will need to be approved by Trustees. See minutes of Trustees' meeting in later part of meeting.

The training of the library volunteers is about to start.

We are about to advertise for the Coordinator of Volunteers. The BUSCA website will have the job application on it for an on-line application. The advert will occur in the Neighbourhood Watch sheet and Barrow Voice and on posters.

David reminded those present that when the library is closed, BUSCA can use the building including hiring it out for other groups.

Jane Tindle commented that it will be really helpful for groups to be able to hold meetings in a building with full wheelchair accessibility and, eventually, a disabled toilet.

ii) on developments with the New Community Building project

Alan Willcocks

Looking at the BUSCA Constitution the aims fit clearly with both the Library transfer (Aim 1) and the New Community Building project (Aim 2). The project began in 2005. It was perceived that there was a clear need for a community building in Barrow. The NCB committee has initiated a feasibility study by consultants. We need an answer to question of whether to continue with 4 possible sites.

iii) on our solution to the closure of the leicestershirevillages Barrow website

John Nurse and Keith Butler

All the lv sites will be closed down in August 2016. In anticipation of this we have looked at various approaches to transferring the information that is on the BarrowuponSoar site and the Heritage site. This includes the possibility of transferring it to the Parish Council website which has a compatible structure. However, this has been abandoned because it is too restricting and would be expensive.

We have now decided to build our own site. It is a massive job and any help will be welcome.

11. Any Other Business

i) Judith encouraged all those who have attended tonight's meeting to consider joining BUSCA as expressions of support. £2.50 is not an outrageous subs!

The AGM closed at 7.50