

Barrow Community Association  
Minutes of ZOOM meeting of BUSCA AGM 14.01.21

1. Welcomes and introductions

Judith welcomed everybody and was very pleased to see so many and delighted to welcome new people. She explained that we had to hold the AGM in order to comply with requirements.

Present : Chris Bates, Diane Byrnes, Steven Crossley, Ceri Fairbrother, Val Gillings, Ann Higgins, Craig Johnstone, Nicola Noble, David Rodgers, Judith Rodgers, Sue Rodgers, Ted Rodgers, Helen Sadler, Brian Tetley, Frances Thompson, Lin Webb, Ginnie Willcocks, Alisdair Walker, Gaynor Barton, Peter Yates, Kathryn Timmins, Keith Butler, Alan Willcocks, Abi Crossley, Julie Crossley, Karisa Krcmar, Guy Silk, Anna Field, Fiona McReynolds, Wendy Miller, Sally McHale, Luke Menzel, John Nurse, Graham Hobbs, Sue Hobbs, Tom Smith, Sue Disley.

2. Apologies

Betty Turner, Nick Thomas

3. Minutes of AGM held June 2019

Accepted and agreed true record. All in favour

4. Matters arising. None

5. Presentation of accounts for 2019, Annual Report 2019 and Budget 2020

No questions on accounts. No comments on Annual Report or Budget.

6. Election of Trustees

This was a block nomination of all those willing to be a trustee. Graham Hobbs proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Bates. Carried.

All officers were re-elected except Sue Rodgers who stood down as Vice Chair with Nicola Noble to take on that role. Judith gave a years notice to retire as Chair. Nicola proposed Fiona McReynolds as a new trustee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceri Fairbrother. Carried. Judith thanked Ginnie and Alan Willcocks and Nick Thomas who are stepping down as trustees and thanked Diane Byrnes who is taking on role of Membership secretary.

7. Appointment of Examiner

John Beaumont agreed to continue, Judith nominated 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Rodgers. Carried.

8. Where is BUSCA today

Judith outlined the history of BUSCA and explained the changes made by Humphrey Perkins which directly affect our use of the facility. The closure of the bar made the biggest impact and brought many events to a close.

BATS

Abi reported that it had not been possible to put on any shows. We did manage the Panto Humpty Dumpty last March and it was a sell out. From that we entered the PAL awards and had many nominations. Macauley won the award for best male support and our panto was voted second overall in Leicestershire.

Youth Theatre are working on videos to take part in BUSCA's online HeartFest.

Val Gillings congratulated everyone on their nominations.

Helen Sadler reported that she had hoped Murder Mystery would go ahead but it wasn't possible. She is now considering a production on Zoom. The group has rehearsed '1<sup>st</sup> Class Death' which is set on a train. Helen plans to pursue the possibility of performing outdoors at The Hunting Lodge.

#### BARROW VOICE

Karisa suggested Abi might like to write an article on our PALS success.

Gaynor is still on the writing team and Elliott Wilkes is back from university and on the team.

A reader questionnaire went out and generally people preferred to have a paper copy of BV, although the majority of replies were from older people.

The plan is to develop more news items on the website to encourage people to look and use it. They are trying to keep the magazines commercial life going. There is a new nature and well-being section. There is a plan to produce a section on sustainable Barrow and show places to visit an hour from Barrow. Luke Menzel asked to be involved with this. Alasdair Walker wished to advertise and both men will contact Karisa and/or Judith.

#### EVENTS

Val reiterated the fact that Humphrey Perkins had been used for all events but the bar closure had ended these activities.

Nicola listed the 2020 events, VE Day Bake Off, Scarecrow festival, Har fest, Christmas post box letters, Bauble decorating, Window displays. The plan is to continue these events and add more. Currently Hearts Fest is being prepared for 8<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February, which will be a quality online event. Youth Theatre members are to take part and it is hoped the Good Neighbours Scheme get involved.

Alan asked if it was going to be possible to return to Humphrey Perkins and Judith explained that the expectation of the school was that all groups return. The Head Teacher sees the school as the village centre of the community and it sounds like there is goodwill, we must wait and see.

Sue Rodgers would like the village to be more aware of Humphrey Perkins being unavailable / too expensive.

#### HERITAGE

Kathryn was pleased to say the website had been much busier than usual. It is essential to find some storage and display for Heritage items. Wendy Miller said she had used the website for some ancestry research. The website was very comprehensive and very useful.

#### LIBRARY

Brian reported that the library is still operating though limited to Home Delivery and Click and Collect. The income stream is zero and it is existing on grants. Next year hopefully activities should resume and maybe the planned extension can go ahead.

Frances updated the situation with the extension and the planning etc. There is a need for more space for children's activities and extra IT support. Many tasks need more space. The sub group is working with Dave Harding on a 40 sq m extension. His design has been submitted which was considered and rejected by Charnwood BC. An amended design has been submitted and the 2<sup>nd</sup> stumbling block is the licence from LCC which seems to

have stalled, having requested it last February and heard nothing !

Alan stated that we have responsibility to pay our two employees and as we have no income stream at present from our savings, we have two years of running available if nothing else happens. The annual Parish Council grant is required as usual.

#### NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING

Trustees agreed that it was the end of the road for the project and the PC didn't support it. Huge thanks went to the main team of people who had carried it forward, Sue, Ted and Alan. Ted said if anyone would like to pick it up and run with it they were prepared to talk it through.

#### TWINNING

Ted said there was nothing to report. In 2019 the group came from Marans but a 2020 visit by Barrow was unable to go ahead. Future visits are on hold until 2022.

#### WEBSITES

Keith reported that the five websites, Village, BUSCA, Library, Heritage, BV are available. The Village has lots of new pages including metal detecting and the Year in Pictures. BUSCA not much added. Library is an ever changing picture. Heritage is busy. BV continues to be updated quarterly. BUSCA is prepared to advertise events online. John Nurse is prepared to carry on with his valued input.

Judith thanked all involved for their commitment.

A.O.B.

None

Thanks for attending

#### MEETING of TRUSTEES

1. Welcome all
2. Apologies - Betty Turner
3. Election of Officers -  
Frances Thompson, President - Judith proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Val, AIF  
Judith Rodgers, Chair - Sue proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Val, AIF  
Nicola Noble, Vice Chair - Sue proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig, AIF. Many thanks to Sue for her years of service.  
David Rodgers, Treasurer - Frances proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceri, AIF  
Ceri Fairbrother, Minutes secretary - Brian proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann, AIF  
Diane Byrnes, Membership secretary - Frances proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Judith, AIF
4. Treasurers report - circulated. No questions.
5. Library report - Committee is pursuing becoming a CIO. Sally McHale is willing to stand as treasurer. She will work with Brian and David to learn the procedures. Sally needs to be on the Unity Bank to view. David proposed this 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian, AIF. Another grant application should see a further £12,000 for continuation.
6. BV - Request for subsidy of £1,000 for March issue. Probably will not need to use all of this money. Currently advertising is very short as many businesses are not trading or have folded. Ted brought up the sustainability of BV which had previously been brought

up by John Nurse two years ago. Ted had no objection to a one off subsidy but not to keep going regardless. Frances willing to support subsidy. Ted willing but needs must look to the future. David added that now was not the right time to be debating this and Frances agreed. We should carry on until we get back to more normal operation. The success of advertising depends 100% on Judith and although there have been a couple of possible replacements so far nothing permanent. The real challenge is to find a new advertising manager. Frances proposed £1,000 subsidy 2<sup>nd</sup> Lin. Carried no votes against one abstention.

7. Events - Not expecting to need more money than current allowance of £250
8. Insurance report - BUSCA indemnity insurance is due and David had sought a part refund of last years premium, or a reduction in next years, as activities are considerably reduced. Broker is asking but no reply yet. Steven suggested he could have dealt with this and he, David and Judith will chat further tomorrow. He offered to do the brokering at no cost to BUSCA.
9. Membership report - Approximately 57 members at the moment
10. Annual report 2020 and Forward Plan 2021 - Those supplying information and writing short piece to submit around 17<sup>th</sup> February.
11. Actions arising from AGM - None
12. A.O.B. Sue brought up sustainability of BUSCA as we have none of the events that used to be run. Nicola thought that lack of income was only temporary. Craig suggested a quiz for income. Val agreed that was a good idea. Sue felt that some blue sky thinking would generate some money making ideas. Judith will discuss budgets at future meeting. Nicola asked if the library could just have its own treasurer and remain part of BUSCA. Judith explained it was more about sustaining the library as independent if BUSCA collapsed.
13. Date of next Zoom meeting - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm

