

## Barrow upon Soar Community Association

### BUSCA Trustees meeting on Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm

**1. Apologies:** Sue Rodgers, Ted Rodgers, Alan Willcocks, Virginia Willcocks, Diane Thorpe, Anne Perry

**Present:** Frances Thompson, Judith Rodgers, David Rodgers, Craig Johnstone, Eluned Webb, Chris Bates, Mike Collins, Ceri Fairbrother, Nicola Noble, Ann Higgins, Val Gillings, Betty Turner, Brian Tetley, Nick Thomas, Diane Byrnes

**2. Minutes of Trustees meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>** accepted

### 3. Matters arising

i) Diane Thorpe will cease as membership secretary but will continue to do DBS checks.

Nick Thomas is to be a new trustee proposed by Judith, Val 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favour. He has offered to take on the role of membership secretary which was proposed by Brian, David 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favour.

ii) Proposed new GDPR Data protection policy. Brian has produced one for the library which has been adapted for BUSCA. It had been circulated for the meeting. Judith will be the new Data Protection Manger. Its adoption was proposed by Craig, Eluned 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favour. It will go on the website for reference and members will be told where it is.

Note: by adopting the BUSCA policy, we are also adopting the same policy for the library.

iii) Disqualification of trustees forms are nearly all completed (two to come in)

**4. Treasurers report.** David highlighted points from the accounts and there were no questions. Craig said that as Barrow Voice had more pages there had inevitably been some adjustments to costs. Many thanks to David for his continued work, it is most appreciated.

**5. Library.** Brian reported that it continues to do very well. The building work is nearly completed, which includes the kitchen, accessible toilet, office for Angeline and an outside store room. The management committee is discussing the expansion of the building and has some grant money to start the project.

It was proposed by Brian that a request of £8750 be made to the Parish Council for next year. Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favour.

It was felt that gratitude should be expressed to the Parish Council for their continued financial support and it appears that we are the only Community Library that receives support from their PC. It was felt that the members of the PC should be invited to visit the library.

Salary increases were proposed by Val for Angeline (Coordinator of Volunteers), Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> and by Nick for Kerry (Cleaner) Betty 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favour for both.

**6. New Community building report.** Judith confirmed that there was no decision on the planning application for the Community Hub. She referred to an email from Alan in which he noted that only six of the trustees had written in support of the application. Judith invited comments on the subject of the Hub.

The discussion was wide ranging and encompassed: the uncertainty of continuing usage of HPHS with academy status and new trust management; the benefits of having a dedicated village hall; the desire that any new facility would not disadvantage existing village organisations - strong opposition from BB Club including letter to the Echo that evoked public sympathy and support, and awareness of the importance of the Library's future sustainability through hiring revenue; the acknowledgement that some organisations e.g. Barrow Baptist Church felt strongly that there was a need for new hiring venues; the lack of support for the application from Parish and Borough councillors; views of residents at the Annual Parish Meeting, on social media, in conversations with trustees; acknowledgement that some residents felt that Fishpool Way was not the right site for the Hub; also that some felt that the Parish Council should take responsibility for such an important project.

No trustee wished to have the planning application withdrawn and the consensus was that any further deliberation should wait for the outcome of the application and only then would it be helpful to have further discussion at a meeting at which Alan, Sue and Ted could be present.

A brief discussion about how to respond to offensive remarks on social media: Informed advice is not to rise to a response. The wording wasn't offensive enough to warrant police involvement although a request to remove it had been placed. There needs to be a proper updated summary about the project on the BUSCA website which the BUSCA Facebook can link to. The current entry refers to pre-Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

There is a possibly libellous "poem" written for BV but trustees ask that it is not published. David proposed, Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favour.

**7. Update on website and social media.** Nicola reported that the website is updated. She has received nothing re the NCB and it's too soon to comment on possible library extensions.

Page views of the BUSCA Facebook page are ^125%. Reach is ^600% and 6 new followers which is very encouraging.

**8. Membership proposals.** There are over 50 paid up members and Nick intends to encourage people to pay by standing order. He will email members in December and then January. He will pass over any offers of help to Judith who will try to cascade them on so that the offers are acted on. It was agreed that a new joiner joining 6 months or less before the end of the subs year gets 18<sup>th</sup> months worth of subs.

#### **9. Reports from sub committees.**

**Barrow Voice.** New edition has 36 pages and but the number of advertisers has fallen sharply. In the recent past It has consistently made a medium or small profit. If needed, BV can be offered more financial support.

**Events.** Centre stage production on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Three dances are booked for 20 Oct, 22 Dec, 16 Feb. The Christmas market and lights switch on is Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

**Heritage.** The school project is to be limited to early years. They are providing a river and canal display initially for the Barrow Open Gardens Autumn watch but it may go on show elsewhere.

**Panto and Youth theatre.** Murder mystery on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> is sold out. YT in Nov is Hairspray and is coming on well and Panto in March maybe Peter Pan.

**Twining.** Good visit to Marans. Talk and Quiz coming up.

**10. Progress on sustainability moves.** Judith has written role descriptions for many of the jobs she does (or did) at the moment. She has put 10 documents on a memory stick, which can be downloaded from the BUSCA website We now have a new Membership Secretary. Sadly, the person who came forward to become Barrow Voice Advertising Manager has pulled out after doing the Sept issue so back to square 1 on that Frances is writing an article about the library for BV. She has pondered how to achieve letting the village know about trustees. There is no wall space in the library to display mugshots.

**11. AOB.** i) The curtains and pictures in the Community lounge have been removed and it sounds as if the lounge may be having a makeover courtesy of Humphrey Perkins. Judith, Val and Ceri hope to go to see the new Head to do the usual explanation!

ii) Christmas Street market: Nicola: 30 application forms have been requested for the Christmas market.

**12. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm at the Library.**

**When the results of the planning application are known we will hold a special meeting,**