

MINUTES of the Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 8th January 2025 at Burnley Town Hall.

The Chairman, **Mr. E. J. Walton**, occupied the Chair throughout the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. E. J. Walton, Mr. R. Collinge, Mr. P. Hornby, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. R. Crossley, Ms. N. Edwards, Mr. T. Mitchell and Mr. N. G. Ashworth.

APOLOGIES: Mr. A. Hollis, Mrs. C. Stinton, Mr. & Mrs. J. Livingstone, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Mr. A. Lucas, Mr. C. Shackleton, Mr. G. Grimshaw, Mrs. R. Hay, Ms. S. Barker, Mr. G. Grimshaw and Mrs. J. Evans.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6th December 2024 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

- i. *High Fives:* Two areas presented possibilities for a green environment: the tired space in front of the Central Methodist Church where the concrete could be removed, and the space between the Central Library and the magistrates' court.
- ii. *Wynotham Street:* the Civic Trust had informed the planners that more space was needed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: In his report, the Chairman touched on the following subjects:

- i. The Civic Trust President, Mr. K.G. Spenser, M.B.E., had sent his Best Wishes to all members for a Happy New Year.
- ii. The Christmas meal at the Mechanics' had been a great success and resulted in a £300 donation from the Burnley Rotary Club; Ms. Susan Barker was thanked for making all the arrangements.
- iii. *Unknown Shoppers Statue:* The cost for repairing the statue has been estimated to be £5,000 plus which was thought to be somewhat excessive. A heritage lottery grant application was suggested or hopefully local business owners may be able to contribute.
- iv. *High Five Group:* The committee of the group had not met since our last meeting.
- v. *Meeting with MP:* Oliver Ryan, the town's MP, would be invited to one of our meetings; we should need to provide him with the dates of all our future meetings.
- vi. *Meeting:* 10th December 2024 had seen a meeting of the *Burnley Year of Culture 2027* group. A proposal that Burnley people should be consulted on the subject was advanced and a suggestion that the King be invited to the town during this time.
- vii. The Chairman reported on his and other members meeting with a local born artist Elliott Flanagan working with the West End Community Group; they wanted to move the town away from a cloth cap image and we would provide them with images to work with.
- viii. The library/archive project with David Tilsley was still working with schools and we would help.
- ix. Thanks would be offered to the Mayor's Assistant for getting us storage materials.

PLANNING:

- i. FUL/2024/0642: *proposed installation of 2x Air Source Heat Pumps.* Briercliffe Parish Council would not oppose the Application and neither would the Civic Trust.

CIVIC TRUST AWARDS: A committee had been set up to report on the matter so the matter would be put off until the next meeting.

REPORTS:

FINANCES: The Treasurer was unwell and so could not present his report. An e-mail reminder would be sent to members who still had not paid their subscriptions.

WEAVERS' TRIANGLE: All relevant paperwork, previously stored downstairs at the workshop, had been delivered to the Chairman. At the Toll House it is reported that the ground floor wall was damp, the stone steps outside would be restored; quotations had been sought and it should be possible to do the work soon. The Civic Trust group visit would take place in Spring.

ARCHIVES PROJECT: Things were going along smoothly.

IGHTENHILL: The former quarry, previously used as a rubbish dump, had been tidied up, rubbish removed, trees cut down and signs put up. The work would be completed the next day.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

i. Newtown Mill: A guided visit would be arranged for 21st January, provided permission is granted by the owners, Burnley Borough Council. Mr. R. B. Frost would be informed and the members via Ms. S. Barker.

ii. *Event:* A National Trust event would be held at the Great Barn, Gawthorpe Hall on 23rd January.

BLUE PLAQUES: 31, West Street, Padiham was suggested for a possible Blue Plaque. The sub-committee would be asked to report on the matter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 5th February 2025 at 7 pm. at Burnley Town Hall.

CHAIRMAN

**BURNLEY CIVIC TRUST 2024/5
COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Edward J. Walton
Vice Chairman: Roger B. Frost (T)
Treasurer: George Grimshaw (T)
Secretary: Susan Barker
Asst. Secretary: Ramon Collinge (T)

Peter Hornby (T)
Carole Stinton (T)
Geoff Ashworth (T)
Nixie Edwards (T)
Neil Fawcett
Marjorie Fawcett (T)