

**MINUTES** of a Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at the Town Hall, Burnley.

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

**PRESENT:** Mr. E. J. Walton, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. G. Grimshaw, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mr. A. Hollis, Ms. N. Edwards, Mr. R. Crossley, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Mr. C. Shackleton, Mr. P. Blackburn, Mrs. C. Stinton and Mr. R. Collinge.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr. D. Kilpatrick, Mr. A. Lucas, Mr. P. Hornby, Ms. S. Barker, Mr. N. G. Ashworth, Dr. J. & Mrs. T. Livingstone, Mr. I. Emo, Mrs. J. Evans, Ms. C. Towneley and Mrs. R. Hay.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING AND TASKS UNDERTAKEN AFTER LAST MEETING:**

- i. *Mackenzie Plaque:* Nothing new to report, but kept on file.
- ii. *Youth Theatre Visit:* The visit would take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July, beginning 13.50 pm. Meet at the car park of the theatre, Queen's Park Road. Members intending to attend should inform the Chairman.
- iii. *Burnley's Long Term Plan:* Mr. R. Crossley reported on a meeting of the Long Term Plan Group, followed by an open discussion. There was disappointment, firstly because of the cost but also because so much had supposedly been already decided. Further and higher education was important, more visual police in the centre streets might help but there was a lack of positive control.

**TOPICS TO BE COVERED UNDER A.O.B:** Matters to be raised under A.O.B. were noted

**PLANNING MATTERS:** i. FUL/2024/0258: *Land to the north of A6068, Padiham BB12 8UE; erection of a 99.9MW battery storage facility with boundary fencing, access track, landscaping and associated infrastructure.* Padiham Town Council had suggested that a better place for this would be at Huncoat and the meeting agreed. We would support the town council as they had requested.

ii. FUL/2024/0275: *Starkie Arms, 1, Church St., Padiham; alterations to existing garage/store block.* Questions were asked as to the use of these parking spaces.

iii. VAR/2024/0283: *Butchers Farm, Ormerod St., Worsthorne; proposed variation to Condition 2 (approved plans) to amend lay out and design of scheme 4 proposed 28 no. dwellings following demolition of farm buildings.* As we had already discussed and sent in our comments, it was decided to leave the matter.

**CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS:** The Chairman informed the meeting that:

- i. The *Hurstwood* Book sales should have covered costs by now.
- ii. *Unknown Shoppers Statue* : We had been asked to provide funds to cover moving the statue but thought it should be Lancashire County Council's costs since they had first moved it. The Chairman asked if we were prepared to contribute to the cost. The Deputy Chairman would raise the matter with the Editor of the *Express* and find out if there would be any fundraising from the public.
- iii. *Pride of Place:* The Civic Trust was constantly praised for its contribution to the scheme; there was a constant audience to view the work.
- iv. *Heritage Weeks:* Charlotte Steeles is producing a booklet of the programme; should we offer any financial help with its production.

v. *Civic Trust Contribution to Heritage Weeks* : 4<sup>th</sup> September : Joint Meeting with Historical Society with talk by Tony Mitchell on Railways. 11<sup>th</sup> September: The Chairman would give a *Now and Then* talk, a photographic journey across town from station to station.. Both events in Rooms 2 & 3. Advertising and posters needed. Should we charge for entry and serve tea and biscuits ?

vi. *Youth Theatre Visit*: With the Historical Society, 29<sup>th</sup> July. Let the Chairman know if you intend to go.

vii. *HAPPA*: More work done for them for which they were very pleased and had made a financial contribution, would possibly ask for some more work.

viii. *Scottish Power Fund*: We had been offered £2,650 from the fund for work at the Singing Ringing Tree in Cliviger. The work must be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 or the money would go back to Scottish Power. Both the Civic Trust logo and that of Scottish Power would appear on the work.

ix. *Volunteers Recruitment at the Mechanics'* : Several members attended the event but no positive result; we had a good display thanks to work put in by Susan Barker.

x. *Pendle Textile Mill Project* : Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July at Brierfield Mill.Project.

xi. *Civic Voice* : Members agreed to receive regular communications from Civic Voice.

xii. *Stocks Massey Awards*: An application had been made for a Stocks Massey grant.

**GROT SPOTS:** *Lime Kilns*: The Canal and River Trust had replied to say they had no control as the land had been sold off. There was no reply from the Town Hall.

## **REPORTS AND CONCERNS :**

**FINANCES:** A report on the society's finances was presented by the Treasurer, Mr. George Grimshaw. The finances were still doing well and finances were healthy. Selling of the *Hurstwood* book had begun and was doing well. A grant for a directional display at the Singing Ringing Tree had been received from Scottish Power.

**TREES FOR BURNLEY:** None

**WEAVERS' TRIANGLE TOLL HOUSE:** Work was taking longer than planned on decorating the premises so they would not be opening until the Canal Festival in August. The redecorated reception area would be dedicated to the late Brian Hall. Two exhibitions were planned in August and September and an event for all later in the year. Free copies of the Weavers' Triangle Guide were available from Roger Frost.

**PADIHAM NEWS:** Simon Goff, Head of Green Spaces, was hoping to restore the former rose garden at the Memorial Gardens; he would like to see some archive photographs now in the possession of the Civic Trust to see how it was.

ii. Mention was also made of the applications at The Starkie Arms and the proposed battery store north of the A6068.

**HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION:** Work was continuing on the Archive, with the Ken Bolton Archive at present being worked on and Brian Hall's Archive later.

**IGHTENHILL CONCERNS:** August 18<sup>th</sup>: Ightenhill Park Festival Day, starting at 11 am. EW preparing a display.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** i. *Proposed Book:* Mr. R. B. Frost reported that some years ago the historian, Titus Thornber, had given him 12 essays about Cliviger, to be published after his death. It was decided that this should be a joint project with the Historical Society.

ii. Mr. Ken Spenser, M.B.E. had celebrated his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday recently. The Chairman reported that he was in good health and he had visited and delivered the Civic Trust monthly minutes to him. David Kilpatrick was looking a lot better and was now a long term resident of Marsden Grange Residential Home.

**FUTURE DATES OF MEETINGS (Rooms Booked): 7th August (Charlotte Steels, Burnley Leisure) and 4th September (Proposed Joint Meeting with Burnley Historical Society for Heritage Week/ends: Public Meeting with Tony Mitchell talking on Railway History in the Burnley Area)**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST next at 7.00 pm. at the TOWN HALL, BURNLEY.**  
The Meeting room 2/3 had also been booked for the meetings on 4<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**CHAIRMAN**