

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 5th June 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, Dr. J. Livingstone, Mr. N. G. Ashworth, Mrs. C. Stinton, Mr. Kieron Costello and Mr. R. Collinge.

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 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 Joint Historical society meeting will be with Philip Hitchen, who would lead the visit was free on 29th July only. The visit would take place then, beginning 13.50 pm. Meet at the car park of the theatre, Queen's Park Road.

PLANNING MATTERS: i. FUL/2024/0258: *Land to the north of A6068, Padiham BB:12 8UE; erection of a 99.9MW battery storage facility with boundary fencing, access track, landscaping and associated infrastructure.*

Sparable Row, Lane Bottom; a barn conversion into a house. Briercliffe Parish Council would probable ask the Civic Trust to support them but had not yet made a decision.

It was reported that Trafalgar Mill was in a parlous state.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS:

- i. *Burnley's Long Term Plan:* Mr. R. Crossley reported on a meeting of the Long Term Plan Group. Various interventions were to be prioritised, covering green space regeneration, funding existing communities, sports and social activities involving various communities.
- ii. Pride of Place presentations were due to take place later this month.
- iii. A History of East Lancashire Railway Lines – *From Blackburn to Skipton* - had been published using some photographs from the Civic Trust Heritage collection.
- iv. A book about Coldwell, Pendle had been published, Roger Frost attended on our behalf.

GROT SPOTS: Photographs had been produced to show the problems at these grot spots and, inadvertently sent out to a number of people; happily, the responses had been favourable to the Trust's intentions to do something about the problems.

BLUE PLAQUES:

A sub- Committee had been formed consisting of Roger Frost and Carol Stinton to take the matters forward.

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.

TREES FOR BURNLEY: Over the last two months, Trees for Burnley had carried out further hedge planting on both sides of Deer Park Road with a wide mix of different varieties of plants.

They had also been cutting back overhanging branches on bridleways on Deer Park Road and Netherwood Road over to Lydgate, Balderstone Way.

Future workdays were planned to carry out wildflower seed collection at Netherwood Road and The Thornton Arms.

WEAVERS' TRIANGLE TOLLHOUSE: Work was still continuing on decorating the premises. It was hoped to open the building in July. Free copies of the Weavers' Triangle Guide were available from Roger Frost.

PADIHAM NEWS:

HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION: Work was continuing on the Archive, with the Ken Bolton Archive at present being worked on. There had been discussions about rearranging the present premises to provide more space.

IGHTENHILL CONCERNS: Mr. Tony Mitchell reported that all the vehicles causing problems at the garden centre had now gone.

The path to the river was in a dreadful condition, and work to sort out the drainage had started; a trench had been dug down the side of the track and the work should be finished in about a month.

There were proposals to tidy up Ightenhill Quarries.

The Tim Bobbin public house: Concerns were expressed about the building with people anxious to know what was going on.

August 18th: Ightenhill Park Day, starting at 11 am.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

i. *Awards:* Empire Buildings, St. James's Street had been restored and might be worth an award. It would be put on the list.

ii. Mr. Ken Spenser, M.B.E. would be celebrating his 96th birthday shortly. The Chairman reported that he was in good health and received, and read, the Civic Trust monthly minutes.

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, 3rd JULY next at 7.00 pm. at the TOWN HALL, BURNLEY. The room had also been booked for the meetings on 7th August.

CHAIRMAN

Suggested Sites for Civic Trust Awards

1. Maiden Cross Restoration.
2. Cliviger Milestones.
3. Newtown Mill Restoration.
4. Bus Station Clock.
5. Lodge at Gawthorpe Hall.
6. Padiham Mural.
7. Wall on Accrington Road.
8. 156-160, Lower St. James's Street.
9. Ightenhill Park Volunteers and all the Parks.
10. Renovated part of Empire Buildings,
St.James'sSt

Pending Blue Plaque Suggestions

1. Sir Ron Greenwood (England Football Team Manager)
2. Ms. Betty Snowball, prominent sportswoman.
3. Starkie Arms, Padiham.

New Suggestions:

David Wild- Burnley Artist, Weavers Triangle and Civic Trust former Chairman & Supporter.
Williffe Cunliam -1860s Dialect Poet

CIVIC TRUST COMMITTEE 2023 – 24

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TASKS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING: